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THIRD ARREST IN SNEAD MYSTERY

Three Sisters, Charged With Crime, Are in New Jersey Jail.

MRS. MARY SNEAD NOW HELD

Mrs. Caroline Martin Arraigned—All of Victim's Immediate Family Arrested, Save One—Two Letters Found.

New York, Dec. 16.—The three sisters who held the life of Ocey Snead in their hands, have one by one come within the reach of the law until tonight separate cells hold them all, charged by the authorities of East Orange, N. J., with the murder of their niece and daughter.

Of the girl's immediate relatives only her bed-ridden grandmother, Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, 83 years old, and Fletcher Snead, the cousin she married, are still at large.

Events have moved swiftly within the last 24 hours. Shortly after the arraignment today of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, Ocey Snead's mother, who was arrested last night in an uptown hotel, there followed the third arrest in the case—that of Mrs. Mary W. Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister, and the aunt and mother-in-law of Ocey Snead. She was taken from her hidings in New York, charged with being a fugitive from justice of New Jersey where a warrant similar to that issued against her sister was sworn out today, charging murder.

Mrs. Martin was arraigned this morning in the tombs police court and committed to the tombs prison, pending the arrival of extradition papers from New Jersey. During her examination she gave no indication as to whether she would fight extradition. Mrs. Martin is 64 years old and feeble of body. She showed today the same aversion to lifting the heavy black veils that completely concealed her features as characterized her sister, Virginia Wardlaw, in the latter's examination at East Orange some days ago.

Mrs. Mary Snead when taken to police headquarters today, was more erratic in her bearing than Mrs. Martin, but equally reticent.

Mrs. Martin's pitiful infirmity saved her the indignity of being measured and photographed, but Mrs. Snead escaped none of the humiliating details of police routine. She will be examined tomorrow in the tombs police court to determine whether she can justly be held for extradition.

The Suicide Note.

The three notes found yesterday among Mrs. Martin's effects, all similar in handwriting and wording to the suicide note found pinned to Ocey Snead's clothes, beside the bath tub in which she was drowned, were deemed sufficient evidence against Mrs. Martin. The point made against Mrs. Snead is that she was a party with Miss Wardlaw to the renting of the unfurnished house in East Orange in which Ocey Snead was found dead.

Further Discoveries.

Further discoveries in the room vacated by Mrs. Martin were made by the police today. It was stated that these included more than 100 suicide letters, purporting to have been written by Ocey, Snead, many of them were addressed to prominent New Yorkers, among whom were Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. Carence Burns, a well known club woman.

All of the letters sounded the pathetic note of despair. One of them addressed "To Whoever Finds This" expressed dread of pain and concluded: "Nobody has harmed me and I have harmed nobody. I love everybody and everybody loves me, but I cannot endure physical agony." This letter was unsigned.

Another letter addressed "to my counsel and attorney" was worded to indicate that the writer feared the lapsing of her endowment insurance policies if she lived, through her inability to keep up the payments. The lawyers were instructed to "promptly collect my insurance in cash and pay it over to my grandmother without requiring any bond or security from her." This was signed in full "Ocey Wardlaw Martin Snead."

In still another the writer addressed "My Family", and declares that "no living person is to blame for my death or has had anything to do with causing my death."

Two letters from Mrs. Ocey Snead to her husband were also in the collection. One of them was dated June 25th, and the other September last. The batch likewise included a will purporting to have been made by the bath tub victim, dated September 7th last, and directing that all of her property be turned over to her grandmother.

Believed to be Snead.

St. Catherines, Ont., Dec. 16.—A man believed to be Fletcher W. Snead, husband of Ocey W. Snead, was located here tonight. He is known here as John Lucas and is engaged as a dishwasher at a hotel. Lucas refused to make a statement, but did not deny he was the man. A clerk of the hotel says he found several towels of good quality in Lucas' room, bearing the name "Snead" in the corner.

When asked point blank: "Are you Fletcher Snead?" the man turned pale. He did not answer until the question was repeated. Then he said, "I prefer not to answer."

NEW ROAD FOR LUMBERTON

Engineers Begin Survey for Line to Elizabethtown, Bladen County. Townships to oVte Bonds for Va. & Car. S.

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(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 16.—That Lumberton will have another railroad at an early day is an assured fact. An engineering corps of 10 or 12 men have arrived here to begin the survey at once. The new road will be constructed from here to Elizabethtown via Dublin, the distance being between 20 and 25 miles.

The engineering corps will go to Dublin in the morning where they will have their headquarters until the work is completed. Work will be commenced at Dublin leading toward Lumberton and Elizabethtown at the same time. Mr. George B. McLeod, the promoter of the new road, has been quietly at work for some time on the project and will have the encouragement of all our people who are interested in the upbuilding of Lumberton.

Mr. McLeod expects to break ground for the new road next week and confidently expects to be in position to haul fertilizers into territory opened up by the new road in time for Spring planting. A meeting of the citizens of Lumberton and vicinity has been called for tomorrow night to discuss the many advantages and benefits derived from the construction of the new road.

In this connection it will be interesting to know that the Bladen county commissioners at their meeting last Monday called an election to be held on January 11th in Elizabethtown, Bethel and Hollow townships on the question of issuing $40,000 bonds to aid the Virginia & Carolina Southern, now operating from Lumberton to Hope Mills, to build an extension from St. Paul's to Elizabethtown. The registration is now open and a lively campaign has been started for the bonds. The same townships voted on bonds about a year ago and they were lost by two votes. President Armfield, of Fayetteville, guarantees that his company will locate a depot half way between Gallberry and Cape Fear river, at Tar Heel, Dublin and two other depots between Bladen Union and Elizabethtown. The company also guarantees to operate through passenger service from Hope Mills to Elizabethtown and to give close connection with Atlantic Coast Line trains north and south. It is also stipulated that work on the proposed route will begin not later than March 1st. It is expected that convict labor will be secured from the State.

NO PRESIDENT FOR LEAGUE

Club Owners of National Association Still Unable to Agree—Ward is Favorite—Heydler Supporters Enthusiastic.

New York, Dec. 16.—No president of the National League of professional baseball clubs was elected by the club owners in their five hours session in the Waldorf today; only one ballot was taken. This resulted in four votes each for John M. Ward and Robert W. Brown, a Louisville newspaper man. John Heydler, the present incumbent, refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election with a view to clearing the air and determining how Horace Fogel, who represents the new owners of the Philadelphits, would vote.

As expected Fogel voted for Ward, who was placed in nomination by Charles Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, and seconded by John T. Brush, of New York. The other votes received by Ward were those of the New York, Brooklyn and Chicago clubs.

Brown therefore was considered only in the light of a compromise candidate but he received the votes of Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis; Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati; Barney Dreyfuss, of Pittsburg, and John S. C. Dovey, of Boston. After this deadlock the magnates adjourned until 1 P. M. tomorrow, having done little more than ascertain just how St. Louis and Philadelphia presidents stood.

John Heydler has by no means withdrawn from the presidential race, and his name may later be presented as a candidate. But in order to determine the lineup Heydler told August Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati Club, not to present his name today, and Herrmann refrained from doing so.

The supporters of Heydler who are Herrmann, Dovey and Dreyfuss, enthusiastically, and Robinson passively, were jubilant tonight over the fact that no president was chosen on the first ballot.

The pro-Heydler men maintain that if there is any weakening in the respective forces it will be among the supporters of Ward.

During the unproductive session today President Ebbets, of Brooklyn, made an impassioned speech against Ban Johnson saying that the American League president had no right at all to dictate to the National League that it should not elect Ward as president. But the American League magnates, most of whom have started for home after concluding the

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GLOOM OF DEATH IS OVER BELGIUM

Aged King Leopold, Suddenly Collapsed, and Passed Away Yesterday.

OPERATION NOT SUCCESSFUL

Suddenly Cried Out to Doctors That He Was Suffocating and the End Hastened Despite Heroic Efforts—Affairs of State.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold, of Belgium, died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Throughout yesterday bulletins issued from the sick room indicated progressive improvement. The bulletin posted at 6:30 P. M. gave the King's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the wound was perfect, as no fever was present, and during the day the King had been able to take nourishment.

The public at large was satisfied that the King was on the road to recovery but within the pavilion, where the King lay, there was a feeling of anxiety chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a restful day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening and the night passed quietly. But towards 2 o'clock alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriar, "Etouffe, doctor J'etouffo, docteur j'etouffo," (I am suffocating.)

Dr. Depage was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life but without avail The end came quickly and after a spell of weakness, peacefully. Prince Albert arrived at the death bed about 25 minutes later. He was acompanied by Princess Clementine . Albert kissed the dead King and left the chamber weeping, Baron Goffinet, the King's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify the members of the royal family. As he was entering his motor car he exclaimed:

"To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence and now the King is dead!" It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for a fatal termination. It was a nun, acting as a nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the King. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Both Doctors Thiriar and Depage resorted to injections of morphine but these had no effect.

Shortly after the end had come the ministers were notified. The first official to arrive at the death chamber was the royal chaplain. The ministers remained in the chamber for a considerable time discussing in subdued tones the sudden death and matters of State.

HEAVIER RAIL FOR SOUTHERN.

Improvements Under Way on Lines in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.—Te Evening Record this afternoon says: Work will be started in the next few days on the Southern Railway line between Kingville and Columbia, when seven miles of 80-pound track will be laid. The rails were received several days ago from the Birmingham district in Alabama, and workers are now being sent to the line to be improved, preparatory to the beginning of actual work on the tearing up of the old lighter rails and their replacement by the heavy weights.

The Southern Railway is also expecting ten miles of additional track from the steel mills in the near future to be laid between Blackville and Augusta, where the work of replacing the light rails by those of a heavier calibre is already in progress. about five miles of the distance between the two cities will be covered with the 80-pound rail in the next two weeks, after which the additional ten miles of steel will be laid, thus completing the line between Blackville and Augusta.

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE.

Proposed Exposition to Commemorate Emancipation Proclamation.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Before Congress makes an appropriation for governmental participation in the proposed exposition to be held at Savannah, Ga., in 1913, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, Senator Jones proposes that a decision shall be first reached as to whether it is advisable that such an exposition be held.

To determine that question he introduced today a discussion providing for the appointment of a commission of five members. The Depew bill making an appropriation had been sent to the committee on industrial expositions of which Senator Jones is chairman and the advisability of holding such an exposition at all was raised.

As Has Been Our Custom.

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ANOTHER VICTIM OF WRECK

Alabama Traveling Salesman Died Yesterday in Greensboro Hospital—Injured Are Improving—Coroner's Jury.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—Henry L. Stribling, a traveling salesman of Decatur, Ala., died at the hospital this morning, making the 12th victim of the terrible catastrophe at Reedy Fork trestle yesterday morning, when the day coaches and two Pullman cars of local Southern Railway passenger No. 11 jumped the track and plunged into the waters of the creek and along the bank for a distance of 25 feet below.

Information at a later hour tonight from the hospital regarding the injured is encouraging with the exception of F. Smith, a trainman, of Spencer, N. C., whose condition is critical. All the other injured will recover many of whom have returned to their homes.

The fear that other dead bodies might be found in the debris was removed when thorough examination today showed that all the bodies had been found yesterday.

Coroner W. W. Wood, who went to the wreck yesterday summoning a jury to examine into the cause of the wreck, returned today and at 12 o'clock their report was made.

This report is in substance that the deceased died from injuries received December 15th, about 6:30 A. M. at or near the trestle of the Southern Railway across Reedy Creek, one mile south of Brown Summit, and that the wreck of the train was caused by the breaking of a defective rail immediately over a defective cross-tie, the two defects being at the same point, 195 feet north of the trestle.

Chairman of the State Corporation Commission McNeil with other members, made an official investigation today, but beyond saying that he found the situation to correspond with the statement of the coroner he wouldn't discuss the matter. He said he would make his official report after reaching Raleigh.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Surgical and Gynecological Sessions at Hot Springs, Va., Yesterday.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 16.—The convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association adjourned today.

The morning session was devoted to a discussion of papers read by Drs. G. W. Crile, Cleveland, O.; Albert Vanderver, Albany, N. Y.; E. T. Meriwether, Asheville, N. C.; J. Rovee, Washington, D. C.; Charles A. L. Reed, Cincinnati; Stephen A. Watts, Charlottesville, Va.; W. P. Carr, Washington, D. C., and J. G. Earnest, Atlanta, Ga. The following officers were elected:

President—Dr. W. O. Roberts, Louisville, Ky.

Vice Presidents—Dr. Joseph. E. Bloodgood, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Lewis C. Morris, Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary W. D. Haggard, Nashville, Tenn.; Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Goldsmith, Atlanta, Ga.; Chairman Committee of Arrangements, Dr. Rufus E. Fort, Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville was selected at the place for the next convention.

PROHIBITION IN INDIANA.

Question of Trying for State Wide Law Caused Rupture.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—Following the success of the Anti-Saloon League in the Indiana Supreme Court, which today handed down a decision that the county local option election law is constitutional, under which 65 counties in the State have closed their saloons, officers of the league announced that there was a rupture in their relations because of disagreement as to future policy.

The resignation of Ennis M. Barney, superintendent of the Indianapolis district of the league, comprising 31 counties was made public and Mr. Barney explained that he was resigning because he could not agree with the State Superintendent W. E. S. Shumaker, that the time now is ripe to open a campaign for statutory State wide prohibition of liquor manufacture and trade.

OUTLINES.

The climax of the Nicaraguan revolution was reached yesterday when President Zelaya sent his resignation to Congress. In his final message Zelaya takes a parting shot at the United States——Captain Osbon, secretary of the Arctic Club, declares that Captain Loose who recently gave out sworn affidavits that Dr. Cook observations were "faked" has admitted he made a false statement——King Leopold , of Belgium, who underwent a serious operation last Monday, died last night ——Three sisters, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Snead, are confined in the East Orange, N. J., jail, charged with the murder of Ocey Snead——One of the number injured in the fearful wreck on the Southern near Greensboro, passed away in a hospital at the latter place last night ——Mrs. Brokaw's brother, was a witness, in the divorce suit trial yesterday ——The club owners in the National League are still unable to decide upon a president——New York markets: Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4 7-8, offered at 4 7-8; spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 15.15, middling gulf 15.40; flour firm; wheat spot irregular, No. 2 red 1.26 sale 1.26 elevator domestic and 1.25 1-2 nominal f. o. b. afloat; corn spot steady, No. 2 new 70 1-2 elevator domestic 71 delivered and 68 f. o. b. afloat nominal; rosin and turpentine steady.

SAY LOOSE FAKED COOK AFFIDAVIT

Secretary of Arctic Club Authority For The Statement.

POLE CONTROVERSY AGAIN

Capt. Osbon Declares Loose Admitted That His Story Regarding Records Was Untrue—Will Vindicate Dr. Cook.

New York, Dec. 16.—Capt. B. S. Osbon, of this city, secretary of the Arctic Club, has written Capt. Joseph E. Bernier and others, that Capt. August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in a New York newspaper was concocted for sale, without regard to the truth.

"In the presence of witnesses," said Capt. Osbon tonight, "I heard Loose say 'I was out for the money and I didn't care how I got it'."

Capt. Osbon does not believe that Loose's narrative, as supported by his affidavits, was part of any plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

"The idea originated with Loose and Dunkle," says Capt. Osbon. "They had for sale matter in this controversy so explosive that nobody dared handle it. When they found that out they cast about for something else. Dunkle was the promoter, Loose the workman.

"Also, Dunkle got most of the money. That's what Loose says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. He's got a conscience and it smarts.

"I wrote these facts in private letters to Capt. Bernier and others, and their premature publication is a mistake and may spoil what would have been complete documentary proof of my assertion, sworn to before a notary.

"Loose had an appointment today to sign a confession which has already been drawn up. He did not appear and now he has just 24 hours grace. If he does not sign tomorrow, the substance of the confession will then be printed from notes of conversations on which it is based."

Capt. Osbon was not at liberty to name the person who had obtained and drafted the confession.

"A ship owner," he designated him, "A former employe of Loose and a man who has personal influence with him."

"How did this man prevail on Loose to confess?" was asked.

"He told Loose straight out," said the captain, "that Loose was playing checkers with his own nose."

Captain Osbon does not deny that Dr. Cook and Loose had business dealings and that money passed between them. But he said, "I know enough shipmates of the doctor who went into the Antarctic with him to be sure the doctor needed nobody to fabricate observations for him. No doubt he set problems for Loose, by which to check his own calculations."

Neither Loose nor Dunkle could be found tonight.

Records at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—Although the members of the committee which is investigating Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records are sworn to secrecy concernng everything connected with the examination until a decision has been submitted to the University, it is understood the work is well advanced. Meetings are taking place daily in the University Observatory.

The method of procedure indicates a most painstaking investigation.

Loose Makes Denial.

New York, Dec. 16.—There was another little Polar flurry in New York tonight which, boiled down, resolved itself into a series of charges and counter-charges such as have been frequent since Dr. Frederick A. Cook, now in mysterious seclusion, announced he had discovered the North Pole.

B. S. Osbon, secretary of the Arctic Club, came out first with a statement indicating that Captain August W. Loose was prepared to repudiate a decent affidavit published in a New York newspaper that he had faked records for Dr. Cook. After a hurried search Loose was found together with his associate George Dunkle. He denied that he intended to retract anything, stood by his affidavit, and said that on the other hand, that attempts had been made to bribe him into a contradiction of his previous declarations. Dunkle confirmed him in this.

WILLARD FOR PRESIDENCY.

Reported That He May Head the Baltimore and Ohio.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—According to information received here from New York today Daniel Willard, second vice president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, has been tendered the presidency of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, to succeed Oscar G. Murray, who, it is understood will retire from active railroad mangaement.

GOLD MONEY.

The People's Savings Bank has just received direct from "Uncle Sam" a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to any of their friends for use at Christmas. de 17-3t.

TESTIFIED FOR MRS. BROKAW

Her Brother, J. Bullard Blair, Gave Evidence to Show the Plaintiff Has Been Treated Cruelly—Life on $30,000.

New York, Dec. 16.—How to be unhappy on $30,000 a year was the burden of the testimony introduced at the Brokaw separation hearing today.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, as evasive in her answers as ever, was on the stand part of the time for the seventh consecutive day. She was followed by her brother, J. Bullard Blair, who gave testimony intended to show that W. Gould Brokaw had treated the plaintiff cruelly and that she was justified in asking for a separation with $60,000 a year alimony.

Statistics figured prominently in the trial today—rather unique figures compiled concerning Mrs. Brokaw's refusal to answer questions and elaborate lists of expenditures in her behalf. As compiled by her husband's lawyer, she has, during the hearing, evaded 1,248 important questions in manner as follows:

I don't remember, 293 times; I can't tell, 118 times; I could not tell you, 137 times; I don't believe, 81 times; I don't know, 184 times; I think so, 125 times; I believe, 198 times; I thought, 63 times, and I won't swear, 49 times.

Other figures introduced by Brokaw's lawyer read like those at the Howard Gould suit as sidelights on how a woman of wealth can spend $30,000 in a single year.

Corsets cost $250 a pair, and for candy Mr. Brokaw at one time spent $175.

It developed during the trial that Walter Byford, Brokaw's private secretary, much sought by the plaintiff's lawyers to testify that Brokaw actually sent the numerous telegrams to Mrs. Brokaw, is in Europe and cannot be subpoenaed.

Mrs. Brokaw enumerated some of the dresses her husband had bought for her. They included 600 suits at about $100 each; crash linen habits, $175; riding habit, $250; riding boots, $150.

Sydney Wood, butler at the Brokaw place at High Point, N. C., testified that he had telegraphed the butler on the estate at Great Neck, L. I., for information about Mrs. Brokaw's movements under Mr. Brokaw's direction.

Mrs. Brokaw testified that Mr. Brokaw spent $30,000 on her during the first year of their married life. She enumerated her engagement ring, which she said cost $7,000, and which she did not get until after her marriage, a diamond necklace which cost $2,000 and other articles of use and ornament.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Examination at A. & M.—Runaway Accident Wednesday Afternoon——Governor Announces Delegates—Charters Issued.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—At the A. & M. College the boys are in the midst of the mid-Winter examinations leading up to the holiday vacation that begins December 22nd. The work of the past term, the members of the faculty say, has been unusually good. President Hill has found the plan of having a limited number of boys to work out their board and tuition on the college farm in every way successful, there being 35 energetic young men working their way through college in this way. The farm is said to be in exceptionally fine shape with a steadily increasing interest in the agricultural department.

Because he made three attempts to burn the new residence of Henry McLoud, the last time by sticking a bundle of burning lightwood under the corner of the house, George Strickland, is committed to jail here to await trial at the January term of Superior Court. He had a grudge against McLeod.

Administrators of the estate of the late F. Louis Mahler sold at public auction, the valuable Mahler residence on North Blount street, the price at which it was knocked down being $8,600. It was one of the most largely attended sales held here in a great while, owing to the great desirability of the property. A. L. Murray was the successful bidder.

Friends are gratified to learn that the attending physicians find that the injuries sustained by Mrs. A. B. Andrews in the runaway yesterday afternoon were not so dangerous as was at first feared. There are no broken bones. Her head and shoulders were badly cut and bruised and she was very severely shaken up and shocked. It is believed that she will rally speedily from the injuries. Mrs. Jno. H. Andrews, her daughter-in-law, was right much shaken up but not seriously injured at all. She was able to assist right much in giving her mother "first aid" before the arrival of the physicians.

The injuries to the driver were right painful. After being thrown off the boot of the carriage by the sudden plunge of the horses, he rolled under the wheels of the vehicle.

After the carriage struck the iron telephone pole and threw the ladies out, the frightened horses ran diagonally across the southwest corner of Capital square and then took down Morgan street at a break-neck speed, holding to their course in spite of

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PRESIDENT ZELAYA FORCED TO RESIGN

Climax of Nicaraguan Revolution Was Reached Yesterday.

CONGRESS WILL ACT QUICKLY

Zelaya in Message Makes Parting Shot at the United States—Deposed President Favors Madriz As Successor—Situation.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress this morning. Apparently there was no other coururse for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt nas spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace have marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old, proclaiming the new regime.

Who will take up the reins no one knows nor cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya as dictator will be known no more. There is no doubt that Congress will act quickly on his resignation for the people have demanded it.

Zelaya Wants Madriz.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya and is now his choice for President, will arrive here on Saturday. Madriz has his following strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vesquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of a President.

Zelaya has known, too, that Madriz is not acceptable to the United States and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor.

His Message to Congress.

Accompanying his resignation, Zelaya sent the following message to Congress "The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged, call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of good citizens, who are the witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a shameless revolution which threatens the nation's sovereignty and a foreign nation unjustly interenes in our affairs, publicly providing the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops.

"To avoid further bloodshed, and for the reason that the revolutionists have declared that they would put down their arms when I surrender the executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the National Assembly the abandonment of the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by a substitute of their choosing, with the hope that this will result in good to Nicaragua, the re-establishment of peace, and particularly the suspension of the hostility of the United States to which I do not wish to give a pretext for intervention."

Congress Will Act.

A commission of five deputies was appointed to draft a bill looking to the acceptance of Zelaya's resignation, which is now considered a mere formality. News of the President's action spread through the city, and soon great crowds moved through the streets, shouting for the United States, Estrada and the revolution.

Held in control for years by the strong hand of Zelaya, the people have been quick to break through restraint when it was certain that the dictator could not breast the tide that has been rising around him. During the latter days Zelaya has resorted to all the known tricks and contrivances to hold the people of Managua with him.

Reports of a government victory at Rama have been freely circulated and rumors that a massacre of revolutionists had occurred were allowed to spread unchallenged and undenied. It finally became known that these were without a shred of truth, and they rebounded like a boomerang.

Zelaya Generally Denounced.

First one deputy and then another took up the denunciation of Zelaya in the chamber, and later in the public places and soon throughout the city demonstrations were held in which open revolt was voiced. Last night, however, a pro-Zelaya demonstration marked the session of Congress, but this had no effect outside the walls of the house. The rising was more marked today than ever and the President decided discretion to be the better part of valor and withdrew from office.

Insurgents Await Attack.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 11, via New Orleans, Dec. 16.—With childlike optimism, the insurgents of the Nicaraguan East Coast, excepting the leaders, still await an attack against the point where the attackers stand the least chance of success, namely the fortifications at Rama. Rama is 60 miles west of here, at the junction of the Rama and Escondido rivers. The attack has been predicted daily for a fortnight without fulfillment and there now seems plenty of reasons to be-

lieve there never will be a battle there.

The Zelaya generals displayed a pretty piece of strategy in front of Rama. The sick and the half sick allowed themselves to be seen by outposts and Estrada's spies were guilefully told to expect an attack at any hour. This kept the main body of provisionals behind their breast works, leaving the main body of Zelayans to work out their destiny in another directon unhampered. It was said by miners who had tramped the country that they could cut a road through the brush at the rate of a mile or two a day toward Bluefields.

Between Two Fires.

The first intimation that Estrada feared such a movement came early this wek when the provisional president refused to allow the Bluefields Fruit company's steamer Marietta di Giorgio to proceed up the Escondido river on her regular trip for bananas at Rama. He feared a plot whereby Vasquez would seize the steamer somewhere along the river and descend on Bluefields, seizing the all-important custom house which furnishes the provisionals with funds cutting Estrada off from his base and leaving Chamorra between the two fires at Bluefields and Greytown.

Estrada rushed 300 men to Cama, a fruit station between this city and Rama, and later his alarm subsiding, gave the Marietta DiGiorgio permission to proceed to the latter city. On December 9th, however, in renewed alarm at the reported out-flanking movement, he stopped the ship at Cama. The freight was brought down under guard from Rama and taken aboard at Cama.

The cruiser DesMoines which arrived December 9th, carries a crew of 280 men, but no marines She draws too much water to enter the Lagoon and lies two miles out, rolling in the open sea. Captain Shiply and Thomas P. Moffat, the American consul, are in constant communication by wireless.

Estrada Continues Preparations.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—General Estrada continues preparations for the attack against the Zelaya forces. Two hundred additional troops were sent to Rama today. A delegate from Zelaya who came here for the purpose persuading Estrada to accept Dr. Madriz for President was not allowed to land. He has been sent back to Costa Rica.

Estrada's Soldiers Rejoicing.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 16—News of the demonstrations against Zelaya at Managua was received here today and created great enthusiasm, it being the first intimation for a considerable time as to the situation in the west. All the people joined in the general rejoicing.

General Estrada at Rama gave the news to the soldiers who cheered excitedly and predicted an early end to the war.

The minsters here declared that spies had been bringing word of disaffection in the west, but today's news, coming from an impartial Southern, was of particular value in giving the provisional government confidence.

General Estrada when he learned of the conditions at Managua said: "I know that the whole country is aroused by the oppressions of Zelaya, but I am greatly pleased to learn that the situation is such in his own capital that the people do not fear to express their sentiments.

Menwhile I shall prepare to the end that Vasquez shall not escape.

Zelaya Still Responsible.

Washington, Dec. 16.—News of the resignation of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, communicated to government officials through the dispatches to the Associated Press, was received with evident satisfaction at the State Department and elsewhere here tonight, but not one syllable of comment could be elicited from any responsible officer of the administration.

It can be said with confidence, however, that Zelaya's resignation welcome as it is, has by no means removed him from the attention of this government. Secretary Knox's recent letter of dismissal to Senor Rodriguez, the Nicaraguan charge d'aaires, plainly indicated the indication of the United States to hold Zelaya and his circle of advisers personally responsible for the killing of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon and nobody here tonight believes that Zelaya's retirement materially mitigates his personal peril as a defendant before the bar at which Mr. Knox has arraigned him on the charge substantially of murder in the first degree.. As for Zelaya's successor it is well understood here that this government will look with disfavor upon the installation in Zelaya's place of any of the Zelaya following.

No orders have been issued by the Navy Department to the American vessels of war now in Nicaraguan waters as a result of the resignation of Zelaya. Indeed it is improbable that any news of this devolpment in the situation had reached the Department until tonight. When assistant Secretary Beekman Winthrop, of the Navy Department, was informed by the Associated Press tonight of the resignation of the Nicaraguan president, he said that no change in the naval programme as it relates to Nicaragua will be made unless desire for such a change is manifested by the President and the State Department.

STOMACH ON HIS HANDS.

Sent to State Chemist for Analysis, $150 Wanted.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Observer this afternoon carries the following story:

"The special deputy who carried the stomach of George Bell, the negro supposed to have been poisoned to the State Chemist, for an analysis, 'phoned Solicitor Sinclair yesterday that the Chemist said an analysis would cost Cumberland county $150 and asked the Solicitor what he was to do about it. Mr. Sinclair in reply told the deputy to leave the stomach with the State Chemist and come home. The Solicitor has referred the matter to the Attorney General for his decision in the matter. He supposed that an analysis of this kind was part of the duties of the State Chemist. If it is not we should think it ought to be. The water taken from the well, supposed to have been poisoned will be examined, however, free of cost we presume."

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FOR RURAL NEGRO SCHOOLS

Teachers Will be Sent Through South Provided by Jeanes Fund.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Taft presided this afternoon at the annual meeting of the executive board of the Jeanes fund of $1,000,000 for the betterment of the small rural negro schools in the South, which was held in the cabinet room at the White House.

Andrew Carnegie, Booker T. Washington, George F. Peabody, Walter H. Page, Dr. J. H. Dillard, of New Orleans and Bishop Grant, of Kansas, were among those who attended and spoke.

It was decided to continue work under the fund upon the plan adopted last week, that of sending teachers through the South, who in reality teach the teachers of the rural schools there in the newer methods of education. The number of these teachers was increased from 140 to 152, this having been made possible by an unexpected balance from last year from interest earned on the original endowment. The need of aditional funds with which to carry on the work was emphasized by an appeal from 100 negro principals and teachers in the South.

The Jeanes fund teachers are divided into three classes, extension teachers, supervising teachers and organizing teachers. They divide their work among 1,700 schools in ten of the Southern States.

Professor B. C. Caldwell, former president of the Louisiana State Normal school, was elected field agent and assistant to the president of the board, a newly created office.

The board adjourned to meet again at the White House the second Thursday of next December.

FATAL PHILADELPHIA FIRE.

Two Girls Missing and 14 Narrowly Escaped—Loss $250,000.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Two girls are missing and 14 others narrowly escaped death tonight in a fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of Schrack & Sherwood, manufacturers of coffins and undertakers' supplies at 1516-18-20 Callow Hill street.

The damage to the building and contents is estimated at $250,000. Policeman William Winkel was overcome by smoke while assisting in rescuing the girls and is in a serious condition.

The flames which originated in a room on the fourth floor of the building had gained such headway before they were discovered that 16 girls who were on the fifth floor barely had time to rush down stairs before the stairway was a mass of fire. Four of them were removed to a hospital suffering from burns received from flying embers and Rebecca Smith is missing and it is feared she may have perished.

While at work fighting the flames on the fourth floor of the building Joseph Toner, a fireman, was burned to death and Frederick King was probably fatally injured. The men were overcome by smoke and fell to the floor below. Toner was burned to death before he could be rescued. but King was removed to a hospital, where his condition is regarded as critical.

NOT READY FOR WAR.

Says United States Could Not Cope With Other Powerful Nations.

Washington, Dec. 16.—"There is no first-class respectable power with which we are in the slightest degree liable to have any complications or a conflict, which cannot put into the field almost immediately 3,000,000 men. They would put them wherever the conflict might be more rapidly than we could manufacture arms, organize troops and deliver them on the grounds to oppose them."

This statement was made by Brigadier General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance of the Army, at his hearing before the House Committee on Military Affairs just before the army appropriation bill was reported to the House today.

The reserve of ammunition which we consider for manufacturing both in government and private establishments," continued General Crozier, "has been fixed tentatively perhaps at 300 rounds per rifle for 600,000 rifles. If we have that upon entering into war or active preparation for war with the facilities we have for manufacture, operated at their full capacity day and night, we will be able to keep up the supply that will be needed."

STATE FINANCES.

Committee Completes Examination of Books of the State Treasury.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—That the State Treasury balance at the end of the fiscal year November 30th was $123,830.48 is the finding of the Legislative examining committee which has just completed the annual examination of the treasury. Of this balance $112,911 was general and $10,919.43 educational fund. The general fund balance from the previous year was $556,020, receipts for the fiscal year, $3,134,087 and disbursements $3,582,197 . The education fund balance was $7,392 from the previous year, receipts $72,436 and disbursements $68,909 . The entry on the books as kept by Capt. W. F. Moody sets out that they are accurately and neatly kept, all entries supported by proper vouchers and warrants. The committee begins tomorrow work on the books of the Auditor.

DIVIDEND OF L. & N.

Directors Declared an Increase Over the Previous Year.

New York, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad today declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1-2 per cent., an increase of one-half per cent over the previous year's dividend declaration. Today's declaration places the stock on a seven per cent. basis.

MRS. EMILY KEATON DEAD.

Wife of One of Goldsboro's Earliest Merchants Passes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Emily Stancill Keaton, relict of the late William Solomon Keaton, one of the early merchants of Goldsboro, died in this city last night, aged 70 years.

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Will be Paid by Other Company—Loeb Leaves For New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, left suddenly for Washington this afternoon presumably to confer with President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh concerning the ever increasing sugar scandals. With the Arbuckles and the National Sugar Refining Company now involved, new avenues of investigation have been opened up, paving the way for future criminal procedure.

Counsel argued all day at the trial of six employes of the American Sugar Refining Company, now drawing to a close here, but argument had not been concluded when adjournment was taken. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

Concrete developments, following yesterday's payment by the Arbuckles of nearly $700,000 to reimburse the United States Treasury for deficits due to false weighing included the announcement that another of the big sugar refining companies was prepared to settle with the government as the Arbuckles had done, as soon as it had been officially informed of the amount the government claimed to be due. This company was the National Sugar Refining Company, next to the American Sugar Refining Company in the extent of its operations.

The National's president, James H. Post, stated that the government investigators had been going over the books of the company for months past and recently informed him that the company owes the government more than $700,000 in uncollected duties. No demand for restitution had been made upon the officials of the National Company up today.

ZELAYA ON THE STAND

Testifies In Own Behalf In Breach of Promise Suit.

New York, Dec. 16.—That was simply one of the moods to which the Latin race is heir. It was only an ideal. I did not mean much, said Dr. Anibal Zelaya, a cousin of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, on the witness stand today. He was testifying in the $100,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Juliette E. Hero, a pretty Greek girl, and the plaintiff's counsel had asked him to explain the endearing letters. Miss Hero produced in court.

"Such fanciful moods attack a young man in the spring of life," explained Zelaya with a wave of the hand.

"Do you call being in love a fanciful doom"? demanded the examining lawyear.

"I do," responded Zelaya.

The fervent quotations that filled his letters to Miss Hero he continued were all copied from books and magazines. The case will be summed up tomorrow.

CRIME STIRS PARIS

Mme. Gouin Believed to be Victim of Foul Play—Evidence.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The mangled body of Mme. Gouin, whose husband was the late Jules Edouard Gouin, governor of the Bank of France, was found under a train near Paris today. The door of the compartment in which she was traveling was almost torn from its hinges and there was a pool of blood on the floor

The police believe they have found evidence of a crime. Rings and other jewelry are missing from her reticule, which was turned inside out, and the curtain of the door of the compartment, covered with bloody finger marks, was found half a mile from the body.

The affair has created a sensation on account of the prominence of the woman, but no arrest has yet been made.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

Columbia Will Remain in Circuit, But Charleston is Out.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.—Columbia will be in the South Atlantic League next season. At a meeting of the stockholders tonight it was decided that a committee canvass the city for funds either by increase of present stock or by turning over the franchise to ten business men. Charleston's proposition was turned down.

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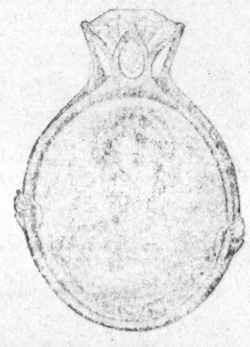

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¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Bank Opening Draws Crowd.

Charlotte News: The formal opening of the American Trust Company's new banking building on South Tryon street, today was a decided success and all day the visitors have been pouring into the new building and inspecting the different departments. The building is one of the handsomest and best eqiupped banking institutions in the South, and many are the compliments being bestowed upon the officers and members of the clerical force on securing such beautiful and appropriate quarters. To the lady visitors of the bank the officials had arranged to give a beautiful souvenir, and these were presented in the shape of an attractive desk calendar and stamped souvenir post cards. In the News yesterday there was a complete description of this magnificent structure, which will prove interesting to those people interested in banks and banking business as well as the depositor.

Lineman Electrocuted.

Gastonia, Dec. 15.—A most deplorable accident occurred about two miles above Dallas yesterday morning about 10 o'clock when Mr. W. C. Blackwell, of Kershaw, S. C., a lineman in the employ of the Southern Power Company, met his death by coming into contact with a wire bearing a heavy electric charge. The force of hands with which Blackwell was working was engaged in reeling up dead wire. It is supposed that in stretching this dead wire from one hill to another, in drawing in onto the reel, it was drawn up too close to the charged line and received almost the entire current of 44,000 volts. The other members of the force, as well as the mules drawing the reel were knocked down by the force of the charge, and it is supposed that Blackwell had his hand on the reel or the wire, thus receiving the larger part of the current. He was seen to stagger a few steps and fall, living only a few minutes. His remains were sent last night to his former home near Kershaw, S. C. He was 24 years of age and unmarried.

NEGRO POET IN RALEIGH.

James E. McGirt, a Native of Greensboro, Now in Philadelphia.

(News and Observer.)

James E. McGirt, whom many believe to be the greatest negro poet this country has produced, is a visitor to Raleigh. He has been in this State about four weeks, studying the conditions of the colored people in North Carolina, hoping to put the real condition of his people before the North, as it has not been put before. "The prosperity of the negro in the South and his relation to the Caucasian has been exaggerated or put forth in an erroneous light," said the poet last night. "There is a need of his real state being placed before the Northern public who fail to know his true condition. I may give a recital in this city, as many friends have requested me to do so." The Philadelphia Public Ledger, in an article on McGirt's verse, says: "It is not perhaps too much to say that no verse of equal quality has been written by any member of the race since Paul Lawrence Dunbar has attracted the attention of the literary world. McGirt writes both in English and in dialect. While he is good in both there is a simplicity and tenderness of expression in the latter form that is peculiarly charming." The Philadelphia Enquirer says: "James E. McGirt, who publishes a magazine in this city and who stands high in the intellectual circles of the colored race, has just published a handsome little book entitled, 'For Your Sweet Sake.' The paper says McGirt is 'a young man of liberal education and poetic conception who has labored long in many fields of literature, but who finds his best meter in an outburst of song. We do not hesitate to say that he is the legitimate successor of Paul Lawrence Dunbar. His poetry depends on no racial condition, but it is evident that he has a poetic sentiment which is particularly temperamental and inherited, while his literary comprehension is unbounded by any such consideration."

TRADE CONDITIONS.

Interesting Report by Bureau of Labor and Printing.

(News and Observer.)

The Department of Labor and Printing in the preparation of its annual report has taken a general survey of the conditions under which the Trades, or more properly speaking, the body of working men and women, are now laboring. The conclusions reached, based on answers to inquiries sent out are such as cannot be comprehensively answered by yes or no or by figures. There is found that there has been regained, to a certain amount, losses in quantity of work offered and prices paid for service in the latter part of 1907 and 1908, and while employment is by no means so easily found, and the wages may be slightly less than in the flood tide of 1907, on which the conclusions are reached that conditions affecting the trades may be said to be in a shape fully as at any time in the industrial history of the State. The report continues as follows: "During the season of depression above referred to the less well-qualified members of the various trades were forced out, and found their places in other spheres, possibly returning to the situations from which they had been drawn by the unusual demand for workmen more or less skilled, and have become established in their original occupations. Of course, some of the ones that had entered into the trades, having developed the necessary qualifications were not forced out with the reaction. When conditions improved those working men still remaining in any given occupation represented a type of higher average ability than was represented in the trade in the first instance, and these were able to at once command wages in keeping with the character of service rendered It is true that there is not sufficient employment for all labor, but it is also true that there is not sufficient of certain kinds of labor to meet demand. The progress of the period calls for a better class of labor, and this demand has a stimulating effect on the production of the supply needed."

AFFAIRS IN DUPLIN.

County in Splendid Shape—Railroad to Kenansville—Other Items.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kenansville, N. C., Dec. 16.—Duplin county not only ships 30 per cent of the strawberries from North Carolina, but it has been supplying train loads of holly to the Northern markets. The woods show signs of wanton destruction in all territory adjacent to the railroads. At Wallace on December 23rd the sloan block of brick buildings will be sold at auction. This property is located in one of the best towns on the Coast Line and anyone desiring to make a safe investment cannot do better than to purchase this valuable piece of property. There are three large stores and opera house and hotel connected under the same roof. The rent of this building easily amounts to $1,000 per year. Wallace is growing fast and is located in the trucking belt of North Carolina. The soil is suited to all kinds of crops.

The people of Duplin are greatly interested in a railroad to cross the county and touch Kenansville, the county seat. The Rowland Lumber Company at Bowden's, one of the wealthiest plants in the State, is supposed to put in a railroad into this territory in the near future.

Duplin, Sampson and Onslow need a railroad to cross, say from Dunn, in Harnett county, and touch the coast at Swansboro. This road would pass through the best farming and trucking section in Eastern Carolina and it would certainly open up the finest fishing on the Atlantic coast. A rail road through this ferritory has been talked for half a century, but now the progress of the people demand that better transportation be given them. Now is the time for some rail road system to fall in line with the lumber company and construct this line of 90 miles from Dunn to the coast. Already the Rowland Lumber Company has put in about 20 miles from Bowden towards Dunn and only 70 miles remain to cover. With a railroad traversing this fertile country, our people will soon fall in line for good roads and public improvements on all sides and the whole of Eastern Carolina will go forward in leaps and bounds.

SHEMWELL FORFEITS BOND.

Lexington Bully Does Not Show Up to Take Medicine.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

Greensboro, Dec. 14.—Baxter Shemwell, he with the handy gun, has been called out in Guilford Superior court and has forfeited a bond of $1,500. Shemwell was convicted in Guilford court of assaulting Conductor W. B. Smithers, of the Southern Railway, and sentenced to five months on the roads. It is said that he is in a sanitarium in Arkansas. Shemwell was indicted in two cases, one for assaulting Conductor Smithers with a pistol and one for carrying concealed weapons. He pleaded guilty in the concealed weapon case, was tried and convicted in the other case and given a sentence of five months. He appealed in this case and the Supreme Court recently sustained the ruling of Judge Long, who pronounced the sentence. Shemwell gave bond in the sum of $1,500 for his appearance in the case which he appealed and another bond in the sum of $2,500 for his appearance at the January term for the next three years to show that he has kept the peace with Conductor Smithers. When called out Shemwell failed to answer and his $1,500 bond was declared forfeited and entries for judg out, are such as cannot be comprehendered by the court. Shemwell has an application for a change of sentence from jail to fine now pending before Governor Kitchin, the hearing and argument on the application having been heard by the Governor in Raleigh last week.

NEGRO TERROR NOT YET TRIED.

Case Postponed of Negro Fiend in Charlotte.

(Charlotte News.)

The case against Leroy Avery, the negro arrested and locked up yesterday charged with attempted assault on several young ladies of the city, was continued this morning until Friday on account of the absence from the city of Mr. E. R. Preston, the defendant's attorney. Another strong link in the chain of evidence against the defendant was added late yesterday afternoon when Mr. J. L. Smith, a young man who witnessed the attack made on Miss Lidda Ross, near the Southern Bell Telephone Exchange Sunday night, identified the prisoner. Mr. Smith came out of the building and almost met the negro face to face, and he declares that the one at the police station is the exact counterpart of the one he saw Sunday night. This taken together with the identification made by the negro woman and the partial identification made by the young ladies who were attacked, seems to form very strong evidence against the defendant.

THE TOY PISTOL.

First of Annual Deaths From Dangerous plaything.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

The death of a small colored boy in this city Sunday as the result of a wound inflicted by a cap from a toy pistol should cause parents to consider the danger from this useless toy plaything. Every year hundreds of children are killed by these toys, and every year hundreds more will be killed so long as parents allow their children to handle the deadly things. The Fourth of July and Christmas season are most prolific in accidents, as the spirits of the youths are most buoyant at these seasons. We suggest that parents whose children desire toy pistols substitute pop-guns in their place. Both makes noises, and the pop-guns answer for all practical purposes. At any rate, keep the toy pistol out of the hands of the children. The danger is too great to take the risk.

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U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6.226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1908	$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909	$4,674,988.47

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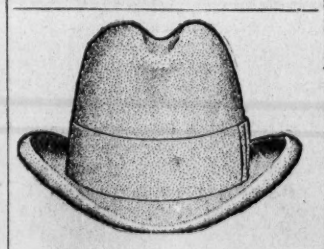

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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

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SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 5:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:13 a.m.
Ar Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
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Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	5:5o pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:15 am	9:20 am
Ar. W. Phila.	3:45 am	11:44 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Phila.	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:00 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:36 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

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	51	55	Via Wilson 42
Lv. Wil't'n	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor.	9:25 am	7:25 pm	3:45 am
Ar Col'bia.	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar Aug'ta.	3:00 pm		
Ar Atl'ta.	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nash.	6:35 am		
Ar Mem.	3:30 pm		
Ar Louv.	1:10 pm		
Ar Con'ti.	4:35 pm		
Ar Chars.	1:36 pm	11:25 pm	:40 am
Ar Savh.	3:56 pm	2:20 am	9:00 am
Ar Jk'ville	8.10 pm	7:.. am	1:20 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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Lv. Savannah	11:40 am	12:15 am
Lv Charleson	4:00 pm	5:10 am
Lv Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	7:58 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmngton	11:30 am	1:25 pm

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Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv Wilmington Ar	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar Fayetteville Lv	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv Fayetteville Ar	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62	Daily except Sunday.	Southbound. 63
3:25 PM	Lv Wilmington Ar	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar Jacksonville Lv	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar N & S. Jct Lv	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar Newbern Lv	9:30 AM

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WRECKS AND HUMAN ELEMENT.

Let it be sincerely hoped that the fatal wreck on the Southern Railway will be found, upon thorough investigation, to have been one of those unavoidable accidents incidental even to the best managed railroad. In a time of grief and disaster such as follows on such seemingly useless waste of life, there is an added tragedy and bitterness when there is involved the element of human failure. But what over the cause of this latest wreck, it may properly cause an increase of care against wrecks which are preventable, as was that in which the lamented Samuel Spencer lost his life, and as that other fatal wreck on the Southern, which was caused by the absolute forgetfulness of a long-experienced and careful engineer. When such cases occur, the outcry is cresendo at first and diminuendo at last. Sympathy for those to whom negligence has brought death gives way to sympathy for men torn with remorse. Where the railroad itself has been negligent, eagerness in damage suits obscures the sense of responsibility for what is a menacing crime. Wrecks will happen; but there ought to be created a strong and dispassionate sentiment that will serve by the certainty of punishment to quicken the wits and insure the care of those entrusted with the freight of human lives.

The people of this State have frequently been accused of animosity toward railroads. Under demagogic spur, the accusation has at times been in a measure just. Yet, in the jury box, where sentiment finds its most concrete expression, the people have as a whole shown themselves not only just in the main in the returning of verdicts for damages, but in their acquittals of those guilty of criminal negligence not only just, but dangerously lenient.

Take two typical cases tried before juries, both of which are of comparatively frequent occurrence. In one case two friends get into a playful tussle over a gun. One secures it, points it at the other and pulls the trigger, thinking it "not loaded." One life is lost as a result of the negligence of two men, both of whom were deliberately doing that which should have appealed to their every sense of caution as a dangerous thing. The average jury will convict of criminal negligence the man who fired the shot. But take the case of a railroad engineer, of long experience, of deep and certain knowledge of his responsibilities. Let him get an order to stop at a certain station and then forget the order. Let a dozen or more passengers, trusting, as they have a right to trust, the railroad and its employee, the engineer, be killed or maimed. Let the engineer be indicted. Let him hang his head and say, simply, "I forgot." Him the jury will acquit, almost as certainly as it will convict the other.

Both should be convicted, the engineer first and most certainly, not because he is an engineer, not because he is a man liable to err, not because of the greater injury he has done, but because of the engineers who come after him, because of the passengers who may in the future be saved by dealing sternly with him, because of the consciousness that his punishment will sear into the very soul of all others in position of similar trust.

It is doubtless because of the admiration that juries, as well as others, have for the engineer, because of the poetry of courage with which his constant acceptance of risk enshrouds him, that the juries are lenient. They confuse the type with the individual, whereas the "fool with the gun" has passed into a proverb as a thing to be suppressed wherever found. For these very reasons it is the more important that for the good of the railroads, of the people, and of railroad employes every loss of life in travel should be subjected to the keenest and most unsparing investigation, and that where lack of care is established as a cause, there should follow a certainty of punishment, cruel, perhaps, to the individual, but merciful even in its unsparing quality.

Would it not be better for Secretary Knox to order out the marines and stop the baseball war?

MR. KNOX WANTS TIME.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has postponed any action in Nicaraguan affairs at the request of Secretary Knox that it wait "until such time as things shall have eventuated so as to enable him to give to the committee a clear understanding of Central American affairs."

In other words, "Kindly defer action until I shall have bagged the coon and had opportunity to lay his skin before your worships for disposition."

It is a pity that the Foreign Relations Committee acceded to the request. If ever there is to be a time when Nicaraguan affairs are to be investigated, the time is now, at the eleventh hour, perhaps, but still before the Executive Department of the government shall have irretrievably assumed the function of the Legislative Deaprtment, and not only declared a war but waged it to a finish. Had Knox acted with just a little more haste; had the Prairie not stuck in the mud; had the revolutionists, so highly praised for virtue and patriotism in the note of the Secretary of State, been able even with this country furnishing the supplies to win a battle instead of calling aloud for armed intervention, the reflections of the Senate Commission on Foreign Relations would have already been limited to a post-mortem on the cause of death of a small Republic whose neck had been twisted by a bigger one. Also, it might have been advisable to draw a treaty with the new Nicaraguan government, which had borrowed the United States marine and its band for the purposes of the inauguration, looking to its becoming part and parcel of this glorious and beneficent land of liberty—except that it would have to pay the tariff, as per usual.

Now that this choice opportunity has been lost by inexcusable procrastination, it has at least an impertinent look for Secretary Knox to come in and suavely ask of Congress that it forego the exercise of its legitimate functions until he shall have finished the acts contemplated in his own ultra vires assumption of power. Classic precedent of the bully in action that it was, the method of Roosevelt in like circumstances was not only more understandable but less hypocritical.

NO MORE FOOLISHNESS WITH SHEMWELL.

The failure of Baxter Shemwell, pending his application to Governor Kitchin to change his jail sentence to a fine, to appear for sentence at the Guilford county court, means the technical forfeiture of a bond of $1,500, conditioned upon his appearance. In addition he is under a bond of $2,500 to come to court from year to year and show that he has not molested the Southern Railway conductor whom he forced at the point of a pistol to stop the train that he might alight at a station where the train did not stop on schedule. If Mr. Shemwell never comes back, the advantage to the State will be worth much more than $1,500. At the same time, we hope that there will be no reluctance on the part of the authorities in collecting this amount, which would be but a small return for the expense—not considering the trouble—that this cantankerous gentleman has put upon the State. If he does come back, the amount of his bond should be taken in part settlement, and he should be at once apprehended and made to serve the very moderate sentence which his activities outside the pale of the law have earned him. If Mr. Shemwell desired to remain at liberty, he should have confined his vagaries to the town of Lexington and the county of Davidson, both of which he had reduced to a state of awe; like other mighty fowls in personal barnyards, he discovered that over the fence lay an unfeeling and non-suppliant community. When a rooster once flys the fence to receive a good licking, his own dunghill is never after safe. And we suspect that in Shemwell's case this will be proven true even of Lexington, which, aforetime disposed to back into a corner as he passed, may now be considered ready to add its own belated independence to that of Guilford county, which knew not what a great man it was convicting when it put on Shemwell the ordinary treatment accorded to rowdies. If this grown-up among bully-boys desires to continue his sway, he will have to hunt new pastures, and if he does so, he will have earned the gratitude of a State that, having disgraced, he can now best serve by deserting.

As the Brokaw case continues, there is a growing sentiment, as in other suits of the sort, that both parties ought to have relief, and that neither deserves it.

A Texas Congressman has introduced a bill to "release the Philippines." Is it possible that a man from that locality has never heard of the predicament of the gentlemen who had a bull-calf by the tail?

Winston-Salem is strong on prohibitive municipal taxes. It will be recalled how its circus tax raised a furor; now the Chief of Police says, before Christmas, that he will enforce a tax of five hundred dollars against all dealers in fireworks.

PRACTICAL "TRUST BUSTING."

Under the title, "A Practical Trust-Buster," the New York World speaks with approval of the action of Secretary of War Dickinson in issuing an order prohibiting the purchase of further supplies of oil for the use of the army from the Standard Oil Company, using the illustration to stress the point that the surest method of dealing with oppressive trusts is by the withdrawal from them and their products of public support. Nor should the taking of such action be confused with the iniquitous principle of a boycott, for it is taken upon the sole ground that the Oil Trust has been judicially declared a monopoly in restraint of trade and, pending a successful appeal on its part, is prima facie a sort of outlaw of commerce under the laws of the United States. It is, therefore, an entirely logical conclusion that a department of the government ought not to patronize and strengthen a corporation which the government itself has declared to be harmful and illegal. Speaking to this phase of the question, the New York World says: "A Cabinet member cannot properly rule out of his department the products of a trust until it has been found to be one in a Federal court. Such findings exist against both the Tobacco Trust and Standard Oil. But there is nothing to prevent individual consumers from acting upon the common knowledge which the daily press has long furnished."

Continuing, the World says:

"Not even with the favor of the New York City officials could the Ice Trust have established its local monopoly if buyers of ice had not been lured by it away from the independents by temporary proffers of cheap ice or generous measure. Not even with the aid of railroad rebates could the Standard Oil monopoly have won its supremacy if the people, in special districts where the trust cut its rates to break down independents one by one, had stood by the free dealers. Five-cent oil for a brief period while the competitor was being chiselled has been dearly paid for.

"There are trusts which cannot be avoided—for instance, the Coal Trust in New York. Such combinations deserve the especial attention of the Government. But monopoly would not be what it is, the cost of living need not now be so ruinous, if the people had followed the plan now taken for them officially by their Secretary of War."

We would not be understood as going even so far as the World toward suggesting a "boycott" of the products of any concern, for any reason. Any boycott that is made should be individual and not responsive to persuasion or coercion. Otherwise, there is an immediate shifting of the right of a question to the wrong of it. The oppressed become the oppressors. But, all the same, the question of whether trusts and monopolies shall flourish or shall be destroyed is a question for the body of consumers at large. Courts may restrain them, but so long as the inviolability of property rights remains a tenet of government, they cannot destroy capital or investment, or confiscate them. The trust that is in existence will endure, in one shape if not in another. But it is entirely within the possibilities of this country's genius to pass a law which shall safeguard the formation of future monopolies, which shall define plainly and for all time their functions and powers, and which shall adequately prescribe the limit and method of competition. But what is a beneficent and what is an evil combination will be finally determined in its practice by the way in which the people regard it, and the way in which they use it. If, on the principle of every man for himself, and to the dogs with tomorrow, the individual consumer shall look in all cases to the present price at which he may buy, there is left open a field for practical monopoly, which it may be depended upon will be occupied and exploited, no matter what transformation the present-day "trust" idea is forced to take. And it is equally true that, using their intelligence to see that the moderate prices and the manifold blessings of active competition make a fair return for a present price of slightly higher prices, the people may control and prevent monopoly, as well as strengthen and make it perpetual. As in the case of prohibition, the efficacy of the law rests on those who are sincerely, as well as by lip service, opposed to liquor, so, in the case of monopolistic corporations, their future rests in the last analysis upon whether the people prefer the temporary benefit they have to offer for indulgence to the greater benefit held out in the future by their suppression.

It is stated, for instance, that in Wilmington, where it has a small trade, the Standard Oil Company has reduced the price of its products to a point where its independent competitor is forced to meet its competition at a price at which there is little if no profit; that, at other points in the State, where the Standard Oil Company has no competition it sells at a price much in excess of the Wilmington price set by it, even after adding to the latter price the differences in freights between this point and other points where it sells its products.

If this be true, there may be opportunity for a case testing the efficacy of that State anti-trust law which lawyer Daniels declares must "gum it" for the want of teeth; but, at any rate, the people should consider possibilities and reason from them the clear conclusion that, shall competition cease here, the increase in the price will follow inevitably the inevitable increase in the business of Standard Oil. It is to this future, and not to the shaving of price of the moment, that the people of Wilmington and the people everywhere else should look, not only in the case of the Standard Oil, but in the case of all other corporations reasonably suspected of using in their competition the subtle methods of the modern highwayman.

AN UNDUE RETICENCE.

In the course of a long, big-headed editorial on its local page, the News and Observer quotes a "gentleman" as saying of the case of Baxter Shemwell, fugitive from justice:

"It is up to the State to get Shemwell and to get him quick. To permit so outrageous a violation of the criminal law to go unpunished would do more to discredit the laws and weaken respect for them and confidence in their administration than anything else that could happen. The fact that the fugitive is wealthy should not deter the officials in bringing him back to the State at once as a less fortunately circumstanced man would be. Many men are brought back to the State every year to answer for crimes far less serious than those of which Shemwell is guilty."

We agree with "gentleman" entirely, and have several times so expressed ourselves. What we do not understand is the News and Observer's editorial reticence on this matter. It certainly has no qualms about discussing what ought to be done in the case of crimes and criminals. Only recently, while the cause was still pending in Wake Court, and before the jury had been drawn, this powerful paper threw its influence in the panel by declaring guilty a defendant not yet put on trial. But it has had no word of its own to say either against Shemwell's application for pardon, nor does it yet, while putting in the form of news its opinion, and quoting an anonymous "gentleman," undertake to give its readers a clear-cut opinion about what is in every sense a matter of State interest, and what in every way appeals to State pride.

Mr. Shemwell is a man "handy with a gun", but that fact ought not to influence the Observer, now that he is a fugitive from justice, and after reflection that, after all, his only head-trophy was that of Dr. Payne.

It seems to us that the Shemwell matter is one in which we should have the moral support of the News and Observer's most clarion of clarion calls.

Charlotte Aldermen declare that they will not permit pop sticking on Christmas; there is no indication, however, that there is to be any legislation against sticking pop—Help! Don't shoot!

The Senate Committee that so promptly reported favorably the appointment of Judge Lurton probably had a warm feeling at the heart in the recollections brought up of the good old private car days.

There must be some sort of original sin in connection with dealing in sugar. The payment of $800,000 to the government by the Arbuckles, "not in a trust", indicates that thievery is not necessarily an incident of consolidation, any more than that it is impossible to the independents.

The Corporation Commission is again investigating a wreck. Let it be hoped that, if there is any blame attached to the fatal accident near Greensboro, the Commissioners will not only fix it definitely, but will see that the proper prosecuting officers are given the evidence upon which to bring indictments. The fact that there is no intent to kill should relieve neither railroads nor their employes from the consequences of criminal negligence.

Says the Charlotte News: "Rumor has it there is a movement on in Raleigh to increase the police force. They really don't need another one, in our opinion, but, of course, Raleigh must have some sort of a movement on foot all the time." Judging by the way the uniformed members of the city pay roll have been permitting their own headquarters to be robbed, the question suggests itself whether, if Raleigh gets an additional officer, it will necessarily secure "another" policeman.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Even with a new $135,000 bank just completed, a $45,000 Y. W. C. A. building in prospect, a sixteen story apartment house promised, and another big skyscraper probable, Charlotte "vaunteth not herself, is not puffed up." The unseemly cavorting of Raleigh over the opening of a motion picture show and the organization of an auditorium company is difficult for the modest to understand.—Charlote News.

We are ready to second any move made to place Raleigh and Durham in the Carolina Association. This can be done, according to a Greensboro man, without breaking up the present league, and he figures it out about right. Let Raleigh, he suggests, start on the trip by playing Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Spartanburg and Greenville, and ending at Anderson, and strike some of the towns again on the return trip. The other teams could also do this and the long circuit would be broken. In this event an eight club league ought to pay.—Winston-Salem Journal.

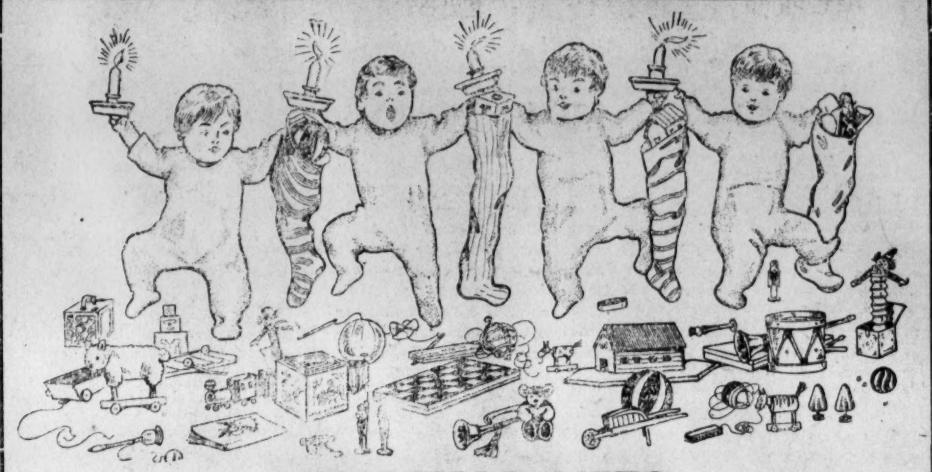
The Columbia State has a long and able editorial advertising a measure by which the owners of slaves in the South will be paid the value of their slaves who were emancipated. The State is a great newspaper, edited with cosmopolitan ability, but it might as well advocate the recognition of Jefferson Davis as President of the United States of America. It is the most irridescent of dreams,—News and Observer.

Mr. Chang Yin Tang, the new minister from China to the United States, attended the ball of the Four and Twenty Patronesses in San Francisco the other evening. Mr. Chang was accompanied by his wife and three daughters. They occupied a box. The ball of the Patronesses is "the" really swell function of the holiday season in San Francisco. When Mr. and Mme. Chang had looked over the assembly for a few minutes they grasped the hands of their daughters and hurriedly left the building. Asked for the reason of his precipitate departure, Mr. Chang answered, "We saw too much of the women." The decollette costume is not known in the Orient.—Savannah News.

John Warren, a prisoner in the Connecticut penitentiary, will be a free man on Christmas day, for the first time in fifty years. When he was sent to prison for killing his young wife, he was 21 years old. Buchanan was President then, and the clouds were just gathering for the great Civil War. Warren is 71 now, bent and gray. He has never seen an electric car, or a telephone or an automobile. He has heard of them, of course, but he has no idea what they look like. He has never seen a skyscraper building or a woman in a "Mary Jane" frock. Women were wearing hoopskirts when he was locked up. During his incarceration all of his friends have died or been scattered. He will step out into a world that is absolutely new to him. The world that he knew has grown away from him and become something else entirely. Will he be able to enjoy his freedom in these new surroundings, at the age of 71? Will it be possible for him to adapt himself to the changed conditions?—Savannah News.

The Greensboro Record thinks that Mr. Baxter Shemwell is acting very strangely for a man of his reported intelligence. Shemwell, it will be remembered, is under a sentence of five months in the county jail for his pistol play on a Southern Railway train. The Supreme Court affirmed the sentence of the lower court and Shemwell applied to the Governor for relief from the jail sentence though no action was taken on the application, so far as the public knows. On Monday, Shemwell was called in court for the purpose of being taken into custody and sent to jail, but failed to answer. The explanation offered was that he is sick in a sanitarium somewhere in Tennessee, though no physician's affidavit was offered. His bond of $1,500 was forfeited and a capias was issued for him. "At the first term of court when the case was to be tried," says the Record, "this same thing happened and his bond was declared forfeited, but he was present at the next term of court and was convicted. Mr. Shemwell seems to have an idea that he can do as he pleases. His idea probably is to forfeit his bond of $1,500, thinking this will be the last of it, but he may find himself mistaken. They have it in for him and will get him if he lives." Mr. Shemwell's contempt for courts and all constituted authority is one thing that operates very much against him in public estimation. In this last escapade, the sentence imposed and the bond required were considered light enough, and the court seems to be in the humor now to require the serving out of the one as well as the payment of the other.—Charlotte Chronicle.

While buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget the reliable and suitable line to be found at J. T. Burke's, 27 South Front street. dec9tf.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Extraordinary offering from now until Xmas. Early shoppers get the choicest of the great bargains as well as the novelties.
Only 2 weeks and the Holidays are over. Here are some hints that might help solve your Christmas problems:

TOYS
Handkerchiefs, Fursets, Hats, Shoes, House Slippers, Waist Silks, Facinators, Towels, Embroideries, Collars.

DOLLS
Cups and Saucers, Christmas Cards, Gold Clocks, Shaving Sets, Cut Glass Bowls, Hair Brushes, Picture Frames, Pin Trays.

FIREWORKS
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Xmas gifts galore. Four-in-hands, 50c to $1.50; Hole-proof sox, 25c to 50c per pair; Bath Robes, Lounging Robes, Bill Books, Pass Books, Leather rolls, Collar Cases, etc. Now is the time to make your selections before the rush.

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FURS! FURS!

This week we will show you a most superb line of Ladies' Furs in Mink, Isabella Fox, and others. Children's Fur Sets.

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While not so extensive but most select to be seen here, consisting of English Worsteds, Broadeloth, Serges and Chefron.

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CHADBOURN TO VINELAND

Probable That Enterprising Columbus County Towns Will be Connected by Trolley—Whiteville on Route.

This week's Whiteville News-Reporter carries an interesting story of a proposition to construct an electric railway from Chadbourn to Vineland, passing through the capital of Columbus county. The editor of the News-Reporter is sure that within a year the line will have been built and cars in operation. The story will be read with much interest here and is as follows:

"Some capitalists are now quietly at work on an enterprise that will mean a great deal for Chadbourn, Whiteville and Vineland, as likewise the fine intervening territory and the whole of our county, for what builds up one section must likewise help all other sections.

"Last week some gentlemen were in our town looking into the project of building an electric railway from Chadbourn to Vineland, the line passing through the public square of Whiteville. These parties did not tell their business, and were very quiet and non-communicative; but the object of their business somehow leaked out. They had gone over the dirt road between the two points, and investigated the increased business on the railroad between Chadbourn and Whiteville the past year, and which was surprising. These gentlemen were well pleased with their investigation.

"The probability is that before another twelve months elapse electric cars will be running between Chadbourn and Vineland, the road passing through the court house square. It is impossible to estimate the benefit that this road will be to both towns, and it will make of intervening territory one continuous village and model truck farms.

"It is said the promoters of this enterprise will place electric lights in both the towns, and perhaps furnish power for small manufacturing plants. Of course, there will be a public park midway the two points, to attract Summer travel.

"We have given considerable attention to electric railways, and believe this projected line will prove a splendidly paying investment. When the road-bed is laid it will cost but little more to operate a line from Vineland to Chadbourn than from Vineland to the court house, and the same hands and machinery can generate power for an electric lighting plant.

"Of course, the road will also move freight, and with passenger travel will be kept busy all the time. The road-bed is graded by nature, and all necessary will be to place the cross-ties and iron and start up the machinery. The whole country is talking about the great future in store for Columbus county and its growing and enterprising towns, and there will be no trouble about raising all the capital necessary to build the Vineland-Whiteville-Chadbourn Electric Railway. Two parties are figuring on building a car line from Vineland to the court house when the grading of Madison avenue is completed, but this more extended proposition will supplant them.

"Of course, our county commissioners and town authorities will give this important enterprise all the aid and encouragement in their power. We must now go to work and vote those bonds to grade the streets of our town, and then let the county do whatever work is necessary on the highway between the court house and Chadbourn."

THE RED CROSS STAMP.

Enjoying Wide Sale in Wilmington. A Mission to Perform.

The Red Cross Christmas stamp is having a wide sale in Wilmington and from the encouraging reports received the net result will be much larger than last year. The stamps are on sale at various stores of the city, the names of which were published in Sunday morning's paper. The stamp is a pretty red, white and green and bears a miniature crimson Geneva cross with a glowing "Merry Christmas" in the midst of green holly. Stamp is really a misnomer, for they are not stamps, but "stickers" for holiday pleasure and holiday business. As the postoffice department has said, "They don't carry mail, but any mail will carry them." "For life and health and happiness," is the message of the little sticker. The stamps sell for a penny each; the pennies grow to dollars and soon the dollars grow to hundreds and thousands which go to the relief of suffering humanity. They have a mission to perform and they will perform it. The stamps are enjoying a great sale not only in Wilmington, but all over the country. The stamps in this city are being sold under the direction of the Wilmington Sub-Division of the Red Cross Society and are furnished at the cost of production by the American National Red Cross, of which President Wm. H. Taft is president. Already thousands of them have been disposed of in this city and it is believed many thousands more will be sold.

FURNITURE SEIZED.

Claim and Delivery Proceedings Against Rena Hall Yesterday.

In the Superior Court late yesterday afternoon A. C. Sneed & Co., furniture dealers, started claim and delivery proceedings against Rena Hall, for an alleged balance due on a quantity of furniture, the value of which was given at $723. The plaintiffs gave bond in the sum of $1,450. The papers were immediately sent to the Sheriff's office and a short time later the furniture was seized by Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver and the effects are being held under the direction of the Sheriff. The institution of the proceedings probably came as the result of the sale by Rena Hall of her property on Chestnut street to Susan Townsend.

GOLD MONEY.

The People's Savings Bank has just received direct from "Uncle Sam" a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to any of their friends for use at Christmas.
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MANY BUILDINGS NEXT YEAR

Architect Says Many New Structures Will be Erected First Few Months of 1910—The Real Estate Market Active.

According to a well known local architect there will be much building in this section of the State in the early part of the coming year and no little of it will be done in Wilmington. The architect in question is now at work on plans for many buildings in neighboring towns and some in this city and he has the assurance of many other contracts after the holiday season has passed into history.

"There is not very much doing in the building line in this city or section right now," said the architect, "but there will be plenty of new structures going up after the 1st of January. The people generally have their minds concentrated on the holiday season now and business matters are not considered to any great extent. The merchants are thinking of their trade and how best to serve their customers and the people who do the purchasing are thinking about the presents they will have to buy. So you see the holiday season furnishes all with something to think about. Then, too, you know there is always a lull some days before Christmas and it is after the New Year has been ushered in that there is a resumption of business activities. I do not look for any considerable increase of building in Wilmington the first few months of the new year, but there will be much in this section of the State. As you know there has been a great deal of building in this city during the past few months, and I do not look for a falling off."

Other architects of the city also have a number of plans for buildings to be erected in this city and section during the next few months and all seem to take an encouraging view of the approaching year.

The Wilmington real estate market has been very active during the past few weeks as reflected from the record at the Court House. During that period few days passed that a deed was not offered for record and some days there were as many as a dozen. There has been a marked increase in the number of deeds filed during the last ten days and real estate men say there will be many other transfers before the end of the year.

HERE MAKING INVESTIGATION.

Captain of Tug Coney Gathering Evidence to Use in Libel.

For the purpose, it is presumed, of securing evidence to be used in the libel suit filed in Savannah, Ga., some days ago by the owners of the schooner Marie Palmer, which was wrecked on Frying Pan Shoals, Captain Lumm, of the tug Coney, of Brunswick, Ga., and Captain Avery, of the Savannah Towing Company, Savannah, Ga., were here yesterday, leaving in the afternoon for Southport and from there will go to the scene of the wrecked schooner. It will be recalled that the tug Coney had the schooner in tow when she stranded and a few days after the schooner was abandoned as a total wreck Captan Chaney, master and part owner of the vessel, filed a libel in the United States Court in Savannah against the tug Coney, the schooner and cargo of fertilizer being valued at $130,000. A deputy marshal was sent to Brunswick and the tug Coney, valued at $55,000, was attached and placed in the hands of a custodian pending he outcome of the proceedings. Captains Lumm and Avery will probably be here and at Southport for several days.

MOTOR CARS FOR A. C. L.

All Roadmasters Will be Provided With Means of Rapid Locomotion.

The Savannah Morning News of Wednesday morning has the following of local railroad interest:

"General roadmasters of the Atlantic Coast Line have received the new motor cars purchased by the Coast Line for their use.

"The larger roads of the country are fast replacing the old hand cars used by roadmasters with the more rapid means of travel. The general roadmaster of the second division. W. A .McCullough, headquarters in Waycross, came to Savannah Monday on his new car.

"The matter of equipment is such that the car is capable of making 35 miles an hour. The seating capacity is four passengers, and in operation the car is similar to an automobile. Mr. McCullough was accompanied by W. W. Adams, an instructor from the manufacturers. On the return trip yesterday he was accompanied by O. T. Waring, engineer of roadway, and R. M. Porter."

LECTURES ON INDIA.

Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor Makes Fine Impression Here.

Those who have had the privilege of listening to the addresses of Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, of Friendship, Me., since her arrival in Wilmington, speak in the highest terms of the talks she has been giving on India, and they, with many others, are looking forward with much interest to her lectures Sunday, one at the Sixth Street Advent Christian Church at 11 A. M., and the other at Fourth Street Advent Christian Church at 7:45 P. M. Every person who has the least interest in mission work in India will enjoy listening to these lectures, and no intelligent Chirstian can listen to one of them without being deeply stirred, however indifferent he or she may have been before. The public is cordially invited to hear her at both churches Sunday.

Prominent Dunn Man Dead.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon says: "The death of Mr. J. F. Phillips, at Dunn yesterday, removes a man who has been prominent in town and county affairs, and was one of the earliest settlers of the town. He was 59 years old. He was mayor twice. He was a son of Nathan L. Phillips, and was born and raised just on the Cumberland line. He moved to Dunn when the town was incorporated in 1886. He leaves a wife, two sisters and two brothers."

FAST, SNAPPY GAME.

Exciting Basket Ball Contest at Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

A fast, snappy game of basket ball, replete with splendid plays, was that in the gymnasum of the Y. M. C. A. last night between the Cardinals and the Pirates. The game was interesting and exciting throughout and was pronounced one of the best ever witnessed on the gymnasium floor. The Cardinals were victorious by the score of 19 to 16. Several times during the game the score was tied and the result was very much in doubt until the end of the contest. The exhibition was arranged as a benefit for the McIver loan fund, which the New Hanover County Alumnae of the State Normal and Industrial College has undertaken to raise, and there were more than 100 spectators, a majority of whom were ladies . The spectators had their favorite teams and the players had all the encouragement they could wish from those who looked on. Between the first and second halves of the game between the Cardinals and Pirates the "smaller-sized" Seniors and the Junior class contested for honors, the game resulting a victory for the former by the score of 13 to 11. This was also a splendid exhibition and interest ran high. The games were umpired by Mr. W. L. King.

DEATH TOLL ON COAST.

More Disasters Past Month Than Whole of Last Season.

Marine disasters along the coast of North Carolina, from Cape Hatteras to Frying Pan Shoals, during the past month, including three schooners, a steamer and a dredge, are greater in number and severity than the whole of last season and it is believed that more people have perished than in several seasons.

Beginning with the wreck of the four-masted schooner Eleazer Clark and then the schooner Marie Palmer, both of which went down on the treacherous Frying Pan shoals, the others were a German fruit steamer, the schooner Governor Ames, which foundered in the vicinity of Hatteras, and lastly the Baltimore dredge which sank near Lookout.

Five people were drowned when the dredge went down and the entire crew with the exception of one, including the captain's wife, were lost in the wreck of the schooner Governor Ames.

ALL TRAINS RUNNING LATE.

Christmas Travel Has Already Begun —From Schools and Colleges.

Already the holiday travel on the railroads has set in and as a consequence all trains are late. Last night the train from the North due at 6 o'clock did not reach the city until 8 P. M. on account of having to wait for main line connections and several other trains during the day were behing schedule. This will continue until after the tide of travel sets in after Christmas and the traveling public accustomed to such delays at this season of the year, has already made up its mind to the emergency. The schools and colleges are contributing their usual quota to this condition and express and mail shipments are unusually heavy for the yuletide. Owing to the unusual prosperity in the country, travel is expected to be heavier than ever during the present holiday season.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Cases Against Hartsfield Crandall Tried Yesterday.

There were only two defendants before the Recorder yesterday morning —Hartsfield Crandall, a young white man, and Henry Whitfield, colored. The former was charged by Gabe Hill, colored, with an assault with deadly weapon upon him and disorderly conduct. K. C. Sidbury, counsel for the defendant, entered a plea of submission in the disorderly conduct case and the defendant was required to pay the costs. It appears that Crandall threatened to hit Hill with some stones, but did not execute his threat. The Recorder reserved his decision in the assault case. Henry Whitfield, colored, charged with failure to pay a board bill, was taxed with the costs and ordered to pay the amount of the bill. He had not been able to pay either late yesterday afternoon.

GOVERNOR AMES' FATE.

Reported Here Last Monday That Vessel Was in Distress.

Since the wreck of the five-masted schooner Governor Ames, which foundered and went to pieces on the shoals near Cape Hatteras, her crew, with the exception of one survivor, having gone down with her, it has been ascertained here that a schoonr was reported in distress in the locality mentioned last Monday.

The report reached here from the wireless station at Cape Hatteras, the information having been conveyed there from the lightship, but the name of the vessel was never learned. She was too far away for the tugs to go to her assistance from here, and nothing further was heard from her, but from the story of the single survivor, at Charleston, it is presumed that this was the vessel.

UNIFORMS FOR VETERANS.

Committee Will Soon Place Orders for Coats Recently Authorized.

The committee appointed from Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., will in the next few days order 25 coats for the use of the camp. If there are any veterans who want uniforms for their own use, the committe will gladly order same for them. Sample of coat may be seen at the store of Adjutant L. Leon, on Chesnut street. The committee is composed of Comrades G. J. Boney, L. Leon and Clayton Giles.

Funeral of Mr. Heyer.

The funeral of Mr. George H. C. Heyer, whose death occurred Wednesday afternoon, will be held from the late residence, 420 North Fourth street, at 11 o'clock this morning, conducted by Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. On account of the death of Mr. Heyer, a brother of the president of both the institutions, the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., and the Southern National Bank will transact no business that hour between 11 and 12 o'clock today.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Several Deeds Filed for Record at Court House Yesterday.

Several deeds were filed for record at the Court House yesterday as follows:

Thomas Lossen and wife to Robert H. Willis, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of 15th, 99 feet south of Meares street, 132x165 feet in size.

Susan E. Moore, P. Q. Moore and Roger Moore, to Miles Carroll and wife, for $300, lot on southeast corner of 12th and Orange street, 33x165 feet in size.

Emma Hall, commonly known as Rena Hall, to Susan Townsend, for $2,700, lot on south side of Checnut, 66 feet west of 12th street, 33x165 feet in size.

H. F. Wilder and wife and C. D. Weeks and wife to Daniel O'Connor, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south side of Chesnut, 165 feet east of Fourth street, 26x66 feet in size.

Bertha Nixon and Robert Nixon and wife to Thomas H. Wright, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south side Princess, 125 feet west of 12th street.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

Will be Observed in All Public Schools of State Today.

With appropriate exercises today will be observed by all of the public schools of the State as North Carolina Day. An excellent programme was recently prepared under the direction of the State Superintendent of Education. "The Sixteen Mountain Counties" is the general subject for the day. The pamphlets containing the general outline for the celebration of the day and a summary of the historical events to be discussed were sent out to the county superintendents some weeks ago and have been placed in the hands of all the teachers, both white and colored, in the State. Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent, states that the day will be observed in every one of the public schools in New Hanover county.

ELECTION OF PYTHIAN OFFICERS

Jefferson Lodge Last Night—Probably Joint Installation in January.

At the regular meeting of Jefferson Lodge No. 61, Knights of Pythias, held last night, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

C. C.—E. L. Potter.
V. C.—T. L. Cromartie.
Prelate—P. B. Bell.
M. of W.—W. W. Love.
K. R. S.—A. S. Holden.
M. of F.—W. L. Williford.
M. of E.—W. P. McGlaughon.
M. at A.—J. M. Taylor.
I. G.—D. D. Lennon.
O. G.—G. W. Branch.

It is expected that through a committee appointed last night a joint installation of the officers of all the Wilmington and Delgado lodges will be held on Thursday night, January 6th.

CHARGED WITH RETAILING.

J. C. McKoy Arrested Last Night on United States Warrant.

United States Deputy Marshall C. O. Knox last night arrested J. C. McKoy on the charge of retailing whiskey in Brunswick county. The arrest was made at McKoy's store, corner of Third and Kidder streets. The warrant was issued by United States Commissioner George Harriss before whom the defendant will appear for a preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon. The defendant gave bond in the sum of $200 for his appearnce at trial, with Messrs. J. W. Brooks and L. W. Davis as sureties.

THE WORLD'S SERIES.

Interesting Pictures Yesterday and Last Night at The Bijou.

The famous world's series of baseball between Pittsburg and Detroit was the feature film at the Bijou yesterday afternoon and last night and the pictures were given an enthusiastic reception by the fanatics of Wilmington. Both during the afternoon and evening the theatre was crowded and the diamond favorites were enthusiastically cheered. The film was one of the most interesting and popular offerings ever made at the Bijou.

Three Worthy Men Want Work.

Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, is desirous of securing positions for three aged and respected citizens, who have appealed to him for help. The men are capable of filling positions of day or night watchmen or some other kind of light employment. They are very deserving and are much in need, having families dependent upon them. Any persons desiring such services would greatly oblige Mr. Crowley by communicating with him immediately.

Mr. R. D. Eames, Sr., Killed.

A mention of the name of Mr. Richard Eames, a mining engineer of Salisbury, in the list of the dead in the wreck near Greensboro Wednesday, brought forth considerable inquiry by a large number of friends in this city, who were acquainted with Mr. R. D. Eames, Jr., at the State University. A telegram was received yesterday afternoon from Salisbury by Mr. Thos. F. Wood, stating that the senior Mr. Eames was the one killed.

Funeral Was Postponed.

The funeral of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Smith, wife of Mr. W. R. Smith, whose death occurred Wednesday night, has been postponed from 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 10 o'clock this morning. The services will be held from Brooklyn Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

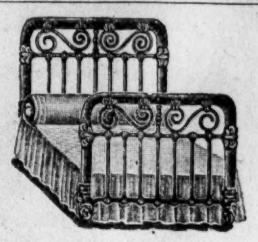
PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
POZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

$2,000 Christmas Gift!

Beginning Friday Morning, Dec. 17th

and continuing until Friday night, Dec. 24th, we expect to sell $5,000.00 of furniture, house furnishing goods, Mattings, Rugs, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, etc., for $3,000.00 cash. $2,000.00 less than the same quality of goods will or can be sold by any other house in North Carolina., giving our customers $2,000 as a Christ mas present. We will prove this to every customer. Come and see for yourself. There is a reason.

We give a few prices below, which prove the statement, the same reduction applies to more than 500 articles of new goods, received within the last 15 days.



$2,50 Iron Beds $1.49
$3.50 Iron Beds $1.98
$5.00 Iron Beds $2.98
$7.50 Iron Beds $5.98
$10.00 Iron Beds $6.98
$25.00 Brass Beds $17.98
$45.00 Brass Beds.....$27.98
$65.00 Brass Beds.....$41.98

102 Dressers, quartered golden oak, white enamel, birds eye maple, genuine solid mahogany, Commodes Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables to match. Example of price: Solid Oak, 24x30 French Bevel Mirror $6.98

Mattings, more than 60 rolls, this year's importations, every piece received since December 1st, from 9 3-4c up per yard, by the roll only at these prices.

Rugs. We are away ahead with Rugs. More than 200 to select from. Study these prices.

27x54 Velvets $1.29
27x54 Fringed 98c
27x58 Axminsters $1.69
36x72 Axminsters $2.98
9x12 Brussells $12.98
9x11 Velvets $15.93
9x12 Smith's Axminsters.$19.98
9x12 all wool Smyrnas...$21.98

16 Library Tables, all woods, some Royal Crofts' make in the lot .....$3.98 up

30 Parlor Tables, beauties for presents at astonishing prices.

60 Carriages, Go-Carts, Folders, Collapsible, Pullman Sleepers, English Coaches, etc. See them if interested.

More than 200 Rockers, Golden Oak, Mission, Reed, solid Mahogany.
$2.50 Oak Rockers $1.69
$4.00 Oak Rockers.....$2.98
$6.50 Mission Rockers.....$4.49
$7.50 Reed Rockers.....$5.19
$20.00 solid Mahogany, leather seat and back.....$11.98

19 China Cabinets, golden quartered oak, mission and genuine solid mahogany, same at $13.98, bent glass sides and drawers.

21 Dinner Sets in Domestic, English, German and French China, $7.98 up for 100 pieces.

31 Ladies' Desks, oak, mission, walnut, imitation mahogany, solid mahogany and art, from $3.98 up. Don't fail to see them.

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MILEAGE BOOK QUESTION.

Capt. C. E. McCulloch Writes Concerning the Interchange Required.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14th, 1909.

Mr. Editor:—You issue a warning and venture an opinion that the mileage book nuisance must soon cease.

This was written I presume in a spirit of kindly consideration of the traveling public, after reading your editorial on the "Mileage Book Nuisance" December 12th, I do not feel that I would be warranted in a conclusion that it was written in the interests of the railroads.

In the very outset you style the mileage book a nuisance, if so, by particiption of those whose cause you advocate, if mileage books are unbought —how harmless and inoffensive they are—it is only after they pass into the possession of the public that they become a nuisance.

Mr. Editor, I am not convinced that the public regards the mileage book a nuisance from the fact they are coming more and more into general use, which would seem to indicate that they are growing in popular favor, and should you succeed in destroying this method of securing reduced fare you might not find the full expected appreciation of your efforts to abate a nuisance. Most users of mileage are agreeable passengers and show no sign of the mileage book being disagreeable to them, sometimes, however, we do find a nuisance who is no more satisfied with mileage than he is with two seats but wants four.

Much of the unpleasantness arising from the use of mileage I believe to be due to certain roads and certain employes being lax in carrying out the regulations, creating in the mind of the passenger the idea that compliance is unnecessary, and when he is called upon to comply feels that he is forced to do a needless thing.

You hold out a hope that by adverse court decisions the mileage book nuisance must soon cease. Let us be careful lest we build a forlorn hope. You cite a recent recovery of damages—would it not have been correct to have said verdict for damages, as I am informed the case has been appealed and not a single dollar for damages has yet been paid.

Since this case was tried, on account of a Wilmington conductor ejecting a man for refusing to pay fare though offering mileage, this man made complaint before a Columbia court and was non-suited. You further hold out the hope that if the courts fail that the Legislature will apply a remedy.

You can hardly expect legislative authority for a 2 cent rate in light of the fact that a recent Legislature passed a 2 1-4 rate and had to be convened in extra session to raise the rate to 2 1-2. Would it not be well to let those who wish enjoy a 2 cent mileage and not drive the railroads to take them off? You say this is an era of good feeling between the railroads and people, they are beginning to understand each other—the mileage exchange has been in use nearly two years, the people are learning that the railroads are giving them a good thing and are beginning to appreciate it. You say public enthusiasm when aroused has a tendency to smash things—if I were the editor of a great paper I would be very slow to stimulate public enthusiasm.

Yours truly,
C. E. McCULLOCH.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Chart Corrections Covering Recent Changes in Buoys and Lights.

The current number of "Notice to Mariners," published weekly by the Light House Board and Coast and Geodetic Survey at Washington, contains the following with reference to the lights and buoys off the North Carolina coast:

Frying Pan Shoals gas and bell buoy, F. P., relighted November 28th, having been heretofore reported extinguished.

Cape Fear River, Bald Head Channel, Buoyage: Changes were made in the buoyage as follows; Cape Fear entrance bell, CF. PS., moved December 6th, about 200 feet northward and westward in about 24 feet of water. Innner Bar 2, second-class nun, moved December 1st, about 300 feet to the northward, in about 17 feet of water. Inner Starboard Shoal, 4, second-Class nun, moved December 1st, about 300 feet to northward in 21 feet of water. North Breaker, 4 1-2, first class nun, moved December 1st, about 1,350 feet to eastward in about 23 feet of water, and named changed to Bald Head Shoal Buoy. Pile of Stones 6, first class nun, moved December 1st, about 550 feet to southward and westward in about 28 feet of water. Bald Head Shoal, 5, second class can moved December 1st, about 3,550 feet to westward in about 21 feet of water and name changed to Middle Ground Buoy.

IN THE JUNGLE.

Shot a Rabbit, Jumped a Blind Tiger Near Fayetteville.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following which will be of local as well as of general interest:

"Yesterday morning Officer Pate was in hot pursuit of a man, who it was alleged had broken into a house in southwest Fayetteville and stolen several articles, principally tinware. Messrs. J. A. Brown and Paton Autry were assisting him. When in the rear of the old Driver house, near Massey Hill, Mr. Autry shot a rabbit, and went into a straw thicket after it. He found the rabbit, and something unique in the way of a bling tiger. In the middle of the thicket there was a small clearing which contained unmistakable signs of a blind tiger home; with only the sky as a roof, and the surrounding straw as walls. There was a straw pallet, bed clothing, some tin utensils, (articles stolen from the house, the thief of which the officers were after) and two gallon jugs, one empty, the other containing three quarts of whiskey, with a funnel stuck in its neck, in position to serve the next purchaser. Evidently the shot at the rabbit had sent the proprietor of this queer establishment scurrying off. He has not been apprehended, but the "white lightning" is held for his return."

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick returned yesterday morning from New York where they have been spending the past several weeks.

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Dr. J. G. Murphy has returned to the city from New York where he has been doing special work on the ear, eye, nose and throat.

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Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "James C. MacRae, Esq., of Wilmington, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. J. Lilly, on Haymount."

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Messrs. William McKoy and Louis Poisson arrived yesterday to spend the holidays at home. Others of the large Wilmington colony at the University will be arriving toward the last of the week.

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The dancing school of Mr. F. W. Dock, 119 1-2 South Front street, will be held on Monday and Friday evenings, instead of Mondays and Thursdays, as heretofore. Private lessons will be given on Wednesday evenings.

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Mrs. William D. McMillan has returned from Raleigh where she was called several weeks ago on account of the critical illness of two of her little grandchildren. Friends will be delighted to know that the children are much better and now well on the way to recovery.

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The Wilmington Sub Division of the American National Red Cross Society desires to return thanks publicly to the management of the Bijou for the courtesy of running among their moving picture slides an advertisement calling attention to the importance of the use of the Christmas stamp. The slide is a very attractive one and is meeting with favor at this popular amusement place.

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Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Harriett Eleanor Hardison, daughter of Mr. William Osborne Bennett, of Wadesboro, was married at that place last night to Mr. Benjamin Thornwall McBryde, of Fayetville, Superintendent of Cumberland County public schools. The friends in Fayetteville and Cumberland of Mr. McBryde wish for him and his wife abundance of happiness and prosperity. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Ball, rector of the Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. McBryde left on the night train for an extended Northern trip.

WORLD'S GREATEST MAGNET.

Theme of Sermon at Christian Church Last Night.

A clear, forcible and logical sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Brown at the Christian Church last night on the theme, "The World's Greatest Magnet." There was a large congregation and deep interest was manifested. Mr. Brown began by giving a definition of the word magnet, stating that it was something that attracts or draws things and holds them after being drawn. He said there were many men in the world who could properly be classed as magnets, among whom he mentioned William Jennings Bryan and ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, who he said have the power to draw men to them and hold them. But the greatest magnet in all the world is Jesus Christ, who attracted and drew men to him as no one else has ever done. The secret of His power lies in the fact that he loved and died for men and then broke the bars of the grave and came back and showed men that he could lead them to everlasting life. Life is what the world wants, Christ offers life and has demonstrated His ability to give it. At the service last night there was one profession of faith and four were baptized. Two will be baptized at the service tonight, when Mr. Brown will take as his subject, "The Twentieth Century Church." This will be the last service until Sunday mornnig, when Mr. Brown will again occupy the pulpit.

Monday night Mr. Brown will deliver his famous humorous lecture, "Optimism and Pessimism." Mr. Brown has given this lecture in all parts of the world and it is said to be exceedingly fine. An admission of 25 cents will be charged which will go toward defraying the expenses of the meeting and remuneration for Mr. Brown.

FOUR SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Terrible Fate of Mother and Three Children in Philadelphia.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—As she lay in bed with her nine-day baby beside her, a three-year-old child playing on the floor nearby, and another, seven-year-old just returning from school to greet the mother, the bed room of Mrs. Lizzie Brunner, of 950 Alsquith street, was suddenly wrapped in flames from an overturned oil stove today. Everyone of the inmates of the room was seriously burned. Mrs. Brunner and the oldest child will probably die.

ROOSEVELT CATCHES SABLE

Kermit Brings Skins to Nairobi—Party Moves Saturday.

Nairobi, British East Africa, Dec. 16.—Three sables hae been added to the bag of the Roosevelt expedition. Kermit Roosevelt arrived here today with them. The party leaves for Uganda Saturday.

"HURRAH!"

"For Our Baseball Team" at Joyland today. The baseball song hit of the season will be sung by Mr. Reilly. Appropriate illustrations and slides showing the Pittsburg grounds, photographic views of the managers of the various teams in the National League, etc.

"A Trip to Niagara Falls," a feature film showing the greatest realistic scenic effects ever produced in motion pictures, and "Runaway Dog", one of the most absurd and laughable pictures ever produced in Wilmington, will be offered today. "Joyland, the Place of Joy." **

The Theatre

The change of programme that went on at the Crystal Palace yesterday was enjoyed by large audiences. The different new acts were roundly applauded and gave fine satisfaction. The singing of Ehrett was again of swell type, and the act of Miss Ollie Wood, who is proving especially attractive to the youngsters with her "Buster Brown" stuff, was splendid, while the team work of Bailey and Taylor furnished fun by the barrel for the audiences. Miss Emma Brockway Austin was also heard in a new illustrated song and her singing continues to be one of the features of the performances at the Palace. Tomorrow night the $15 doll will be given away at the close of the first performance, and while all who have received numbers stand a show of becoming the owner, yet the number must be held by someone in the theatre at the time.

At the Bijou Today.

"The Nobleman's Dog" and "How French Perfumes Are Made," are the titles of the pictures that will be shown at the Bijou theatre today. The former is a legend of the nobleman's dog, the role of the latter being ably played by the police dog, "Dick," whose intelligent interpretation of the part entitles him to a prominent place on the programme. The second picture shows in detail how French perfumes are made.

IMMIGRATION LAWS.

May Prosecute Aliens Who Come Irregularly to The States.

Washington, Dec. 16.—An important feature of the measure prepared at the Department of Commerce and Labor for the amendment of the immigration laws is that giving the government power to prosecute at any time until they are actually naturalized, aliens who may be charged with having come irregularly into this country. This removes the bar of three years in which deportation may be made as now applied in some cases. The measure also will make it a misdemeanor for a deported alien to return here.

The bill contemplates such a modification of the law of 1907 as in the opinion of the officials, will go far towards protecting the United States against undesirable classes, but extending to the deserving alien all proper assistance in making the United States his home.

$34 WORTH OF ANGUISH.

Negro Who Sued For Assult at Southern Depot.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 16.—The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $34 yesterday in the mental anguish suit of Chas. Brown, colored, vs the Southern Railway Company.

Brown was suing for $2,000 for alleged humiliation caused him by one of the defendant's representatives at this point by assaulting him last January while he was with two negro women at the passenger station.

The assault occurred on the night of January 14th, and C. V. Dunnigan, the baggage master, claimed that Brown used "sassy" language to him and Brown claimed that Dunnigan ran into him while he was with two women and that he was greatly humiliated. Both were fined for simple assault in the Recorder's court the day after the assault.

N. C. FARMERS' UNION.

Dr. Alexander Re-Elected President—Executive Session in Forenoon.

Greensboro, Dec. 16.—The North Carolina Farmers' Union in session here, re-elected Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, president. The other officers are: J. M. Templeton, of Wake, vice president; E. C. Faires, of Cleveland, secretary and treasurer; J. Z. Green, of Union, State organizer and lecturer; A. C. Davis, of Union, chaplain; E. T. Cansler, of Lincoln, doorkeeper; W. T. Swanson, of Guilford, conductor; W. W. Faries, of Gaston, assistant conductor; J. R. Rieves, of Lee, State business agent. The union was in executive session this forenoon.

TRIAL OF THE COBLES

Guilford County Men Charged With Murder of Kinsman.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16—The trial of Daniel Coble and Hiram Elliott, indicted for the murder of Simpson Coble, son and brother-in-law of the accused was begun here today, three hours being consumed in securing a jury. The case will probably consume a week and the outcome is awaited with much interest.

Simpson Coble was found lying unconscious a month ago in a gully within 20 feet of Elliott's residence and died the next day. Daniel Coble admitted knowing that his son-in-law layed in the gully all night when arrested. The trouble which resulted in the murder originated at a blockade distillery.

WEDDING POSTPONED

Groom Telephoned Father-in-Law and Was Told of Delay.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16—When Harry Duestorer, of Atlanta, Ga., who was to wed Miss Madaline Gray Swift, oldest daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, commandant of the Charleston Navy Yard next Saturday, telephoned the admiral from Pittsburg, that he would reach Boston today, he was informed that the wedding had been indefinitely postponed. The sudden postponement of the wedding came as a great surprise. The reason for the postponement as given by Rear Admiral Swift is the illness of his daughter. Six hundred invitations have been recalled by Admiral Swift.

The transport Prairie, bound from Philadelphia for Colon with 700 marines for possible duty in Nicaragua, passed out to sea yesterday afternoon at Delaware Breakwater.

$2.50, $5.00, $10.00 Gold Coins.

The People's Savings Bank has on hand a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to their friends for Christmas presents.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Architect H. E. Bonitz has been awarded the contract to draw plans for a handsome Lutheran church to be erected at Lenoir, N. C., the building to cost $6,000.

—The schooner Wm. Thomas Moore, Capt. Griffith, cleared and sailed Wednesday from Little River, S. C., with cargo of 218,000 feet of lumber, from the Hammer Lumber Company.

—Rev. John Aberly, a returned missionary to India, will speak to men at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Aberly, who returned to the States on a vacation, will preach at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday.

—Mention was made in yesterday's paper of the separation of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Seigler and as there are two Seiglers her by that name the article in question was not explicit enough. The Seigler referred to was Mr. Samuel Seigler, Jr., and not Mr. Samuel Seigler, the Front street furniture dealer.

—Constable W. B. Savage, who left here several days ago for a point in Georgia to serve an important paper from Justice Bornemann's court, returned to the city yesterday afternoon. When he arirved in the Georgia town the constable learned that the man he wanted was in Florida and he continued his journey to the Flowery State, but failed to locate the object of his quest. He thinks he will locate his man within the next few weeks.

SENATOR RAINES DEAD.

Author of Famous Law in New York State.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Dec. 16.—State Senator John Raines, author of the Raines liquor law, died at 1:45 this morning after a long fight for life. He was stricken November 4. He had led the Republican forces on the floor of the Senate for seven years.

Senator John Raines was one of the powerful Republican State leaders of New York, and by his death Albany has lost one of the most conspicuous figures in its Legislative halls.

Senator Raines was born in 1840, in Canandaigua, his home up to the time of his death in private life, he was an insurance agent and lawyer having been prepared for the bar at the Albany Law School. He served in the army of the Potomac, and in the North Carolina campaign from July, 1863, when he returned from the war and again took up the practice of law.

Senator Raines had been an active member of the Republican party for many years. He was a member of the Assembly from 1880 till 1885, when he was elected to the Senate. He continued a member of the Senate until 1890, when he was elected to the Fifty-second Congress.

In 1894 he was again elected to the Senate, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles T. Saxton, who had been elected Lieutenant Governor. For many years, he was chairman of the committee on railroads.

Senator Raines devoted a great deal of his time to the excise law. It is said that he usually carried an amendment to that law in his pocket. One of his chief legislative achievements was the passage of the well known Liquor Law Tax which bears his name ,and which gave rise to the large number of so-called "Raines law hotels" in New York City.

ENGINEER A REAL HERO.

Fell Unconscious After He Had Saved His Passengers.

Clarkston, Ga., Dec. 16.—The heroism of Engineer Davis, of the Georgia Central fast mail, who, while hanging to the outside of the cab of his engine, running 50 miles an hour, stuck his hand through a veritable cauldron of scalding steam, until he found the emergency brake and stopped the train, probably saved the lives of hundreds of passengers, Tuesday.

Just before the train reached here the driving rod of the engine broke, knocking the fireman unconscious. It almost demolished the cab. Escaping steam poured from the broken pipes into the cab. Before Davis could reach the emergency brake he was driven from his seat by the heat.

Nevertheless, he clung to the outside of the cab until he grasped the lever and stopped the train, when he fell unconscious from his perilous position.

MISSING ELEVEN YEARS.

Young Woman Supposed to Have Been Kidnapped, Returns Home.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Miss Nellie Burns, missing 11 years and three days ago declared legally dead by the St. Louis Circuit Court, today proved that the court's decree was wrong. As a consequence, the girl's foster mother, Mrs. Annie Bosse, resigned letters of administration granted her by the probate court and caused to be dismissed a suit in which she had already won a judgment against a life insurance company.

Mrs. Bosse and Miss Burns met today for the first time since October 18, 1898, when Miss Burns disappeared. She was only eight years old then, but Mrs. Bosse declared herself satisfied as to the identity of the young woman.

It has been supposed Nellie had been kidnapped. Her story disproved this.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

Slight Shock Felt Yesterday Morning at Several Points.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—Mexico was shaken by a slight earthquake this morning. Reports at the Central Meteoroligical Department show that a mild oscillatory movement was felt at San Juan at 6:30 o'clock and at Tehuantepec in the State of Oaxaca, a trepidatory vibration of some force was felt at 6:20 o'clock, lasting five seconds. Colomina reported an oscillatory vibration lasting two seconds at 10:20 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Horace B. Taft, wife of a brother of President Taft, died yesterday afternoon at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she had been a patient of Dr. Harvey Cushing.

GOLD MONEY.

The People's Savings Bank has just received direct from "Uncle Sam" a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to any of their friends for use at Christmas.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. E. Batts, of Ashton, Pender county, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lamb, of Currie, are spending a few days in the city with their brother, Mr. F. P. Lamb.

—John W. LeGrand, Esq., of Bennettsville, S. C., and Mr. Wm. Simpson, of Charlotte, were among the guests at the Orton yesterday.

—Among the late arrivals at The Orton yesterday were H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; Lieutenant and Mrs. Edwards, Fort Caswell; A. J. Hines, Columbia, S. C.

—Mr. Arthur McEntee an engineer on the United States cruiser North Carolina, is here for a few days' visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McEntee, on South Second street. Mr. McEntee has a wide circle of friends in this city who rejoice to know that he has attained success abroad and regret that his visit is necessarily limited to a few days.

NEBRASKA IN READINESS.

Report that She Will Proceed to Nicaraguan Waters.

New York, Dec. 16.—Movements at the Brooklyn navy yard this afternoon indicated that the battleship Nebraska was being rapidly prepared for sea, and a report was current that she had received orders to proceed to Nicaraguan waters. This report was given color by the fact that the battleship flew the little square red flag indicating that explosives were being taken aboard and that the battleship was being loaded with a large supply of arms, ammunition and stores, indicating that she was expected to make a lengthy voyage.

An air of mystery was preserved at the yard regarding the preparation of the Nebraska for her cruise and nothing could be had from official sources as to her destination. The Nebraska it was said, would carry her regular crew of about 800 men.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

Coal Mine Disasters—Slow in Sugar Fraud Inquiry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Both houses of Congress were in session today, the Senate adjourned until Monday. A number of nominations were confirmed.

The Senate adopted a resolution calling for information as to the methods of preventing coal mine disasters.

The House took up a bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia. During a general debate Minority Leader Clark, made a speech criticising Congress for not hastening the sugar trust inquiry.

BOSTON TEA PARTY.

Anniversary Celebrated by Patriotic Societies in Massachusetts.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Meetings of various patriotic and historical societies were held in Boston and vicinity today to commemorate the 136th anniversary of the Boston "Tea Party," when, as a protest against the action of Great Britain in levying taxes on the colonies, a party of citizens disguised themselves as Indians and threw overboard a cargo of tea rather than pay the taxes necessary to land it.

FOR STEALING ORE.

Manufacturer and Miner Charged at Toronto, Ont.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 16.—John E. Wilkinson, a manufacturer who also owns a smelter in Chippewa, Ont., and Alex Littlejohn, a Cobalt miner, were arrested today charged with receiving stolen ore from the Cobalt mines. An examination of Wilkinson's books showed that in the last four years he had received no less than $800,000 worth of ore. A large part of this, the police claim, was stolen. Littlejohn is accused of acting as middleman, visiting the mines, collecting the ore and bringing it to Toronto.

FREDERICK GREENWOOD DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday at His Home In London.

London, Dec. 16.—Frederick Greenwood, the author and journalist, died today.

Mr. Greenwood founded the Pall Mall Gazette of which he was the first editor. Later with others he established the St. Louis Gazette which he edited for several years.

KILLED AT SPRING HOPE.

Negro Boy Accidentally Shot Five-Year-Old Cousin Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Spring Hope, N. C., Dec 16.—William Neal, a negro boy here, tonight accidentally shot and killed his five-year-old cousin. Particulars were not learned.

VETERAN ENGINEER DEAD.

Reid Drove Lincoln to Washington and Brought His Body Home.

El Passo, Ill., Dec. 16.—J. D. Reid is dead here at the age of 81 years. He was engineer of the train which carried Lincoln from Springfield to his inauguration and of the train which brought his remains back to Springfield.

The Atlantic fleet now composed of the Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Georgia, having completed their prescribed tactical maneuvers on the Southern drill grounds, came into Hampton Roads yesterday and at once began coaling preparatory to departure for New York Monday to spend Christmas.

The football championship of the Atlantic fleet was won yesterday afternoon by the Missouri, when the team from that ship defeated the Kansas eleven on Armstrong field, Newport News, Va., by a score of 3 to 0.

A BUSY DOCTOR

is often delayed. Keep a bottle of GOWAN'S PREPARATION in the home and be prepared for pneumonia, croup, colds, coughs, grippe, pains and soreness in lungs and throat. External and gives quick relief. All druggists. $1.00 50c. 25c.

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J. M. SOLKY & CO.
Masonic Building.

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HARBOR WORK AT NEWBERN.

Property Owners and Government Agree Upon Changes—Waterway.

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Journal today says: "Capt. Earl I. Brown, of the United States Engineers' office, met a number of interested parties in the court house yesterday to consider changing the harbor lines on the Neuse and Trent rivers fronting this city, as might be advisable. The proposed change was upon request of the J. L. Roper Lumber Co., which asked that the harbor line in front of their property on Neuse river be extended 50 feet towards the channel, which would necessitate a new survey. Nearly all those present were owners of water front property, and when the Roper request was presented, and upon some discussion and viewing of chart, unanimous agreement was reached, and Capt. Brown told to go ahead. There were no changes needed on the Neuse river line.

"Capt. Brown gave some good news, $1,000 he had secured to complete dredging of Contentnea Creek, then work would follow on Neuse and Trent rivers. The up-river work is contingent, in its finishing upon more water, which is now very low. Below Newbern, a single shoal dredge will give 13 1-4 feet from sounds to this city. There would be some delay on the Inland Canal work. Capt. Brown said, due to coming upon a submerged cypress forest, which made the work very slow. The contract called for completion March 14th, 1910, the contractors asked until August 15th, but it may be that an agreement will result in making July 1st, 1910 the date. About $1,300 remains to be spent on the rivers about this city, from the old appropriation.

If you don't find it elsewhere, try J. T. Burke, the jeweler. dec9tf.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 53 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.60 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Ttar	177
Crude turpentine	37

Receipts, same day last year 71 cask spirits turpentine; 155 barrels rosin; 593 barrels tar; 136 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 5-8 cents.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—1,853 bales, same day last year 1,830 bales

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 11th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40@45c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—There was more aggressive support from the bull leaders in the cotton market early today, but offerings became heavier on a moderate advance, and prices lost their early gain with the close steady net one point higher to 7 points lower; active months being generally 4 to 7 points below the closing figures of last night. The market opened steady at a decline of two points to an advance of six points and showed an advancing tendency during the early trading owing to steady Liverpool cables, reports of firm southern spot markets and confidence that the National Ginners figures due tomorrow would point to a census report on Monday confirming the low estimates of the crop. Liverpool was a considerable seller here early but offerings from this source fell off after the close of the English market while the big Southern bulls bought more aggressively than for several days past and the market was gradually worked up until January sold at 15.04, and May at 15.73, or 5 to 8 points above the closing figures of last night. Around 15.70 for May, however, offerings of long cotton became heavier and local bears sold a little more freely evidently believing that some of the larger bulls were trying to reduce their lines after having supported the market earlier in the day. Prices eased off in consequence reaching the lowest point late in the afternoon and closed within 2 or 3 points of the lowest on the active positions. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-8c higher and private wires from several of the leading points reported an improved demand. The market for Egyptian cotton in Alexandria closed six points higher.

Receipts at the ports today were 24,243 bales against 23,883 last week and 49,952 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 189,386 last week and 411,672 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 4,620 bales against 13,707 last year and at Houston 11,309 bales against 12,320 last year.

Cotton: Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 15.15; middling gulf 15.40; sales 969 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December		14.81
January	14.98	14.94
February	15.17	15.12
March	15.35	15.30
April		15.45
May	15.67	15.61
June		15.51
July	15.69	15.61
August	15.39	15.34
September	14.03	14.00
October	13.40	13.36

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 15; net receipts 10,083; stock 246,846.

New Orleans—Steady, 15 1-16; net receipts 4,620; stock 151,425.

Mobile—Quiet, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,008; stock 48,936.

Savannah—Steady, 14 11-16 net receipts 3,096; stock 128,130.

Charleston—Firm, 14 3-4; net receipts 949; stock 33,174.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 1,853; stock 21,431.

Norfolk—Steady, 15; net receipts 2,942; stock 38,733.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1-8; stock 15,504.

New York—Quiet, 15.15; stock 127,493.

Boston—Quiet, 15.15; net receipts 2.

Philadelphia—Steady, 15.40; stock 1,964.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 24,243; Great Britain 1,901; Continent 7,163; stock 821,119.

Consolidated, at all ports, net reeceipts 150,481; Great Britain 22,508; France 3,051; Continent 30,253; Japan 800.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,636,431; Great Britain 1,251,001; France 636,767; Continent 1,377,039; Japan 18,894; Mexico 8,775.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts 11,300; stock 109,473

Augusta—Steady, 15 1-8; net receipts 1,755; stock 67,640.

Memphis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 3,187; stock 210,261.

St. Louis—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 570; stock 40,389.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,078; stock 8,550.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 11-16; net receipts 634; stock 51,833.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8.

Total today—Net receipts 18,563; gross receipts 20,792; shipments 18,716; sales 6,137; stock 488,146.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cotton: Spot dull; prices five points higher. American middling fair 8.24; good middling 8.18; middling 8.06; low middling 7.96; good ordinary 7.70; ordinary 7.45.

The sales of the day were 4,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 3,700 American. Receipts 12,000 bales including 5,200 American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady. December 7.90; December and January 7.90; January and February 7.93 1-2; February and March 7.97; March and April 8.00 1-2; April and May 8.02; May and June 8.04; June and July 8.03; July and August 8.01 1-2; August and September 7.72 1-2; September and October 7.20; October and November 7.00; November and December 6.92.

LICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton was only moderately active and somewhat irregular today. There was fair bull support but no particular outside interest manifested. There were the usual rumors concerning the showing of the National ginners' report, which will be out probably on Saturday. Spot news was generally bullish, with holders reported firm. One notable feature of the present bull campaign is the fact that spot cotton is selling and in good demand at prices higher than during the Sully year when futures were two cents a pound higher. The great weakness of the Sully campaign lay in the fact that staple premiums practically disappeared and spots went back begging at a discount below futures.

This year staple premiums are at exorbitant figures and good cotton is in demand on a basis that bespeaks the necessity of the spinning trade and the independence of the planter.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—The dry goods markets were steady for the day. Cotton goods hold firm. Silk is slightly higher. A moderate business is being placed for Fall on underwear, men's wear and some other goods, while a light duplicating business is being done for spring.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Difficulty was found in throwing off the lethargic tendency which crept into the speculation in stocks today. The movement in prices was halting and irregular and there were long pauses in activity when many stocks practically dropped out of the trading.

The principal interest of the traders today was in attempting to draw deductions from the action of Reading as to the general speculative position. Yesterday's dividend increase did not induce sufficient new demand to lift the price. A more positive factor towards sympathetic strength was the demand for the high price western railroad stocks, especially south and Union Pacific. Professed expectation of an increase in the Southern Pacific dividend in February was the ground for this movement The demand in the general list, however, was scanty, the firmness of tone finding its explanation rather in the small offerings for sale than in active absorption.

The news of the absorption of independent telephone companies by the banking house which has transacted recent financing for the American Telephone company strengthened the impression of the uninterrupted progress of consolidation of corporate interests which is in progress. The increase in the Louisville and Nashville dividend set up an uncertain fluttering in the price of that stock similar to the action of Reading, and in contrast to the sustained strength of Southern Pacific, where the dividend action is in the rumor stage yet.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, were $5,862,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales of stocks today were 581,100 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4 7-8; offered at 4 7-8. Time loans easier; sixty days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4 per cent. ninety days and six months offered freely at 4 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8422 to 4.8425 for sixty day bills and at 4.88 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 1-2 to 4.84 1-4. Bar silver 52 5-8. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	100 7-8
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	100 7-8
U. S. 3s registered	101 5-8
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 5-8
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 3-4
American Agricultural 5s	101 1-2
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 1-4
American Tobacco 4s	78
American Tobacco 6s	106
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-2
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv 4s	121 5-8
Atchison cv. 5s	122
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	90 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-2
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	87
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-4
Central Leather 5s	98 1-2
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 5-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	96 3-4
Chicago, R. & Q. gen. 4s	99 3-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	80 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg. 4s	91
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Col. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	97 1-2
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref. 5s	93 3-4
Distillers 5s	74 7-8
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-8
Erie Gen. 4s	76 1-2
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	73 3-4
General Electric cv. 5s	184
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	83 5-8
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2	70 1-2
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	93 7-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 1-2
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 1-8
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	90 1-4
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91
Missouri Pacific 4s	82
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-2
New York Central deb 4s	95 5-8
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 7-8
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 3-8
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	102 1-8
Northern Pacific 4s	102 1-8
Northern Pacific 3s	73
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-8
Reading Gen. 4s	93 3-4
St. Louis San Fran. fg. 4s	85
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	89 1-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79 3-4
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84 1-8
Southern Pacific col. 4s	90 7-8
Southern Pacific cv 4s	104 1-4
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref. 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-4
Union Pacific 4s	102 1-4
Union Pacific cv. 4s	116 1-2
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 3-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 3-8
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98
Wabash 1st 5s	111 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 3-8
Western Md., 4s	83 3-4
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	93 7-8
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-4

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	35
Amalgamated Copper	87 3-8
American Agricultural	45
American eet Sugar	47
American Can pfd	83
American Car & Foundry	71 5-8
American Cotton Oil	68 1-2
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 1-4
American Ice Securities	25 1-4
American Linseed	15 3-4
American Locomotive	60 3-4
American Smelting & Refng	101 1-4
Amer. Smelting & Refng pfd	110 3-4
American Sugar Refining	123 1-4
American Tel. & Tel.	141 3-4
American Tobacco, pfd	90 1-2
American Woolen	37 1-2
Anaconda Mining Co.	49 3-4
Atchison	122
Atchison pfd	104 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	138
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethlehem Steel	33 3-4
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 3-4
Canadian Pacific	180 1-2
Central Leather	46 3-8
Central Leather pfd	107
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	87 1-8
Chicago & Alton	67 3-4
Chicago Great Western	21 1-8
Chicago & Northwestern	181 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	158 1-8
C., C. C. & St. Louis	78
Colorado Fuel & Iron	51 5-8
Colorado & Southern	56 1-4
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	152 1-8
Corn Products	22 3-4
Delaware & Hudson	183 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande	50
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	83
Distillers' Securities	37 3-4
Erie	34 1-8
Erie 1st pfd	50 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	41
General Electric	160
Great Northern pfd	143 1-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	81
Illinois Central	147 1-2
Interborough Met	24 1-8
Interborough Met. pfd	60 1-4
Inter Harvester	110 1-2
Inter Marine pfd	23 5-8
International Paper	15 1-2
International Pump	50 1-2
Iowa Central	29 1-2
Kansas City Southern	43 7-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
Louisville & Nashville	154 3-4
Minneapolis & St. Louis	62 1-2
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	143 3-4
Missouri Pacific	71 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	49 3-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	72
National Biscuit	116 1-2
National Lead	88
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58
New York Central	123 1-2
New York, Ontario & Western	100 1-4
North American	85
Northern Pacific	144 1-2
Pacific Mail	40 1-2
Pennsylvania	134 7-8
People's Gas	114 1-8
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98 3-4
Pressed Steel Car	52
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	51 1-2
Reading	169 5-8
Republic Steel	46 1-8
Republic Steel pfd	107
Rock Island Co.	43 3-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	80 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	50
St. Louis Southwestern	33 5-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 3-8
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	86 1-2
Southern Pacific	135
Southern Railway	32 1-8
Southern Railway pfd	74
Tennessee Copper	37 3-4
Texas & Pacific	35
Toledo, St. Louis & West	53
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	69 3-4
Union Pacific	203 3-8
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	81 1-2
United States Rubber	52 7-8
United States Steel	91 1-4
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	60 3-4
Virginia Carolina Chemical	50
Wabash	21 1-8
Wabash pfd	57 7-8
Western Maryland	35
Westinghouse Electric	82 1-2
Western Union	78
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8
Wisconsin Central	49
Standard Oil Co.	667

Total sales for the day 581,100 shares.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Flour firm.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Steady.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red 1.26 sales elevator domestic and 1.25 1-2 nominal fob afloat. Options closed 1 to 1 5-8c net advance; December 1.23 1-4; May 1.18 5-8; July 1.08 1-8.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 new 70 1-2 elevator domestic 71 delivered and 68 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged to 1-4c net higher. December 71 1-4; May 73 1-2.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 26 to 32 pounds 46 1-2; natural white 26 to 32 pounds 47 to 50; options closed unchanged. May 47 3-4.

Pork—Quiet.

Lard—Firm.

Tallow—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw steady. Refined steady.

Coffee—Futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points higher. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio 8 1-2 nominal; Santos No. 4, 8 3-4 mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Butter—Strong; creamery specials 35 to 35 1-2; extras 34 to 34 1-2; third to first 28 to 32 1-2.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Dull; Maine, per bag 1.50 to 1.75.

Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil was active and firmer on the strength in crude and on good buying but prices lost part of the early advance under profit taking. The close was 8 to 15 points net higher with sales of 25,000 bales. January 7.36 to 7.37; March 7.49 to 7.50; May 7.61 to 7.62; July 7.65 to 7.69. Prime crude 6.33 to 6.60; prime summer yellow 7.45 to 7.75; prime winter yellow 7.50 to 7.99; prime summer white 7.50 to 7.99.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat for December delivery sold here today at 1.14 7-8 per bushel, a new high record for the crop, and a gain of 2 1-2c compared with the previous close. The more distant deliveries also advanced sharply owing to bullish news from Argentina; corn and oats were affected by the strength of wheat and closed strong. Provisions also made material gains.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 13 1-4	1 14 7-8	1 14 7-8
May	1 10 7-8	1 11 7-8	1 11 7-8
July	1 00 1-4	1 00 7-8	1 00 7-8
Corn—			
Dec.	61 7-8	61 7-8	61 3-4
May	65 7-8	66	66
July	65 1-4	65 5-8	65 5-8
Oats—			
Dec.	43	43 1-2	43 1-2
May	44 1-2	44 3-4	44 3-4
July	42 1-8	42 3-8	42 3-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	22 00	22 20	22 20
May	21 70	22 05	22 05
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 87 1-2	13 07 1-2	13 05
May	12 00	12 10	12 10
July	11 95	12 05	12 05
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 00	12 15	12 10
May	11 45	11 60	11 60
July	11 47 1-2	11 55	11 55

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red 1.25 to 1.26; No. 3 red 1.18 to 1.24; No. 2 hard 1.14 to 1.15; No. 3 hard 1.08 to 1.13; No. 1 northern 1.15 to 1.16; No. 3 spring 1.08 to 1.13.

Corn—No. 3, 59 3-4; No. 3 white 59 3-4; No. 3 yellow 59 3-4 to 60; No. 4, 57 to 58; No. 4 yellow 57 to 58.

Oats—No. 2 white 44 1-4; No. 3 white 43 to 43 3-4; No. 4 white 42 1-2 to 43 1-2; standard 44 1-4.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 16.—Rosin and turpentine steady.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 16.—Turpentine quiet 53 to 53 3-4. Rosin firm. Quote: A, B, C, 3.85 to 3.90; D, 3.90; E, 3.92 1-2 to 4.00; F, 3.97 1-2 to 4.02 1-2; G, 4.00 to 4.02 H, 4.05 to 4.12 1-2; I, 4.60; K, 5.60; M, 5.85; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16.—Turpentine firm 54 to 54 1-4; sales 365; receipts 523; shipments 50. Rosin firm; sales 2,852; receipts 2,220; shipments 253; stock 141,787. Quote: A, B, C, 4.00; D, 4.00; E, F, 3.97 1-2 to 4.00; G, 4.00; H, 4.12 1-2 to 4.15; I, 4.60; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—27 bales cotton, 14 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—1,274 bales cotton, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—496 bales cotton, 36 barrels tar, 25 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad 52 bales cotton, 116 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—6 barrels tar.

Str. Josie D—3 bales cotton, 5 barrels tar.

Total—1,853 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits, — barrels rosin, 177 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

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Schooners.

Herbert May, 318 tons, Black, C. D. Maffitt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Maffitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Millie R. Bonhannan, 579 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

The Raleigh Evening Times protests against the alleged subsidy the government claims it is giving newspapers and declares, in the course of a long editorial, if the dead heads were eliminated from the circulation lists of some of the newspapers, the government would not be required to haul the newspapers at a loss. We confess that there are some dead heads on our list and that some of our subscribers are in arrears but there are not many. The Journal has never been guilty of padding the mails in the interest of the Seaboard Air Line, Southern railway, Norfolk & Western or any other corporation. From what people have told us, there are papers, and some of them in North Carolina, whose subscribers are always more or less in arrears. This state of affairs is of course a hardship on those newspapers who honestly strive to make ends meet and an injustice to the government which loses many millions of dollars each year by carrying the mails. We hope that the postal authorities will investigate the conditions and require those publications, whether in North Carolina or elsewhere, to discontinue sending papers to any except legitimate customers. Something is needed and we believe the Times is right in its declaration that some of the "big" papers with enormous lists would not be sending out so much dead freight.—Winston-Salem Journal.

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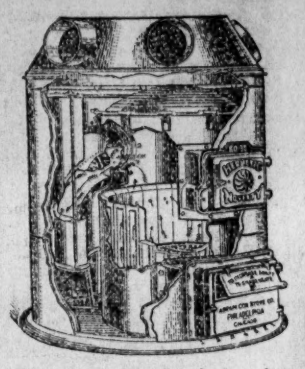

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A very exclusive assortment of Stein Block's High Grade Hand Factored Suits and Overcoats for the Holidays

We are showing the prettiest Christmas goods in the way of Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks, Bath Robes, Pajamas and everything in Gentlemen's Wear. Give us a look before making your Christmas purchases.

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The $135. Kind. Top, Rubber Tires for one week $115.00 is the offer we are making to cash buyers.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 16th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 39 degrees; 8 P. M. 39 degrees; maximum 47 degrees; minimum 39 degrees; mean 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05; for the month, 1.83 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 9.8 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday, warmer Friday, light to moderate variable winds.

Port Calendar—Dec 17.

Sun Rises.....7:12 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:05 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport..11:28 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 2:28 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Dull Given Away.
C. H. Fore & Co.—At Half Price.
Wilmington Lodge 319, A. F. & A. M.—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Lumber.
D. W. Ormsby—Lost.
J. T. Albury—Sweet Oranges.
Southern National Bank—Closed.
For Rent—Large Furnished Room.
Coharie Lumber Co.—Saw Mill Men.
Review Job Office—Pressman Wanted.
Kellum & Loughlin—Foreclosure Sale.
The Hicks Co.—Cut Prices on Oranges.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Closed

CONDITION OF PHENIX.

No Change on Account of $50,000 Shortage in Atlanta.

New York, Dec. 16.—The shortage of about $50,000 reported at the Atlanta agency of the Phenix (fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, by the State Insurance Department will make no difference, the department says, in the general condition of the company as recently reported. The alleged shortage was taken into account when the general report was made.

The department, in the report regarding the Atlanta agency, says that it has not yet completed its examination of the company's home office and knows the facts as to the Atlanta situation only from testimony taken in the progress of the investigation of the home office.

The examiners of the department, it is announced, will visit Atlanta when conditions will be probed.

The department says that no more than $20,000 can be realized on the property turned over to Harry Stockdell, the former general agent at Atlanta.

Henry Evans, chairman of the executive committee of the Phenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, for the directors, makes the following statement: "We have known of the Stockdell shortage from the time I came into the situation and the company has been secured to the extent that seems possible at this time by Mr. Stockdell's turning over to it his residence and such other property as he has. The value of this property has not yet been determined; it may be $20,000 or more.

"In any event, the amount is not large and without any credit for the value of the property turned over to us, I still believe the company has, besides its large reserves for unearned premiums and other liabilities fully stated, a capital intact of $1,500,000 and a net surplus of $500,000, and I am willing personally to buy the stock of the company on that basis.

"The work of house cleaning and rehabilitation is going on as rapidly as possible and to our satisfaction. The Phenix policy holders are safer today than they have been for years past."

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—Harry C. Stockdell, recently ousted as general agent here of the Phenix (fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, today declined to discuss the alleged shortage in his accounts, but promised a statement later.

Major Charles F. Hard, who succeeded Mr. Stockdell, said today:

"There was never so far as I can understand, any attempt on Mr. Stockdell's part to conceal the fact that the deficiency existed, and it has been carried in his returns to the home office in New York as so much due the company. All this was, of course, with the full knowledge of the heads of the company."

TAFT HONORS CABINET.

Social Function at White House—Other Guests Present.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The first of the formal social functions of the season at the White House was the dinner given by President Taft tonight in honor of his Cabinet.

More than a score of guests were invited to meet the Cabinet officers and their wives. Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin, of Pittsburg, a sister of Mrs. Taft, took the latter's place at the table. Mrs. Laughlin probably will represent her sister at all of the State dinners and receptions during the season, although Mrs. Taft expects to appear at least for a time during the big reception on New Year's day.

Of those who attended tonight's dinner were President Hadley, of Yale, and Mrs. Hadley; Mayor R. G. Rhett and Mrs. Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., and Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie are house guests of the President and Mrs. Taft. Among the dinner guests, in addition to those already mentioned were Governor and Mrs. Swanson, of Virginia.

HEIR TO MILLIONS.

From Switch Cleaner to Millionare Step of Indiana Man.

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 16.—From switch cleaner on an electric railroad to a millionaire was the long step made by Michael Beyer today when he received a letter from an aunt at Posen, Prussia, advising that he was one of the ten heirs to an estate valued at $20,000,000.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

As Has Been Our Custom.

For years past, we have provided new currency and gold in abundance for our patrons' holiday needs. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
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NO PRESIDENT FOR LEAGUE

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meeting yesterday say that they will back Johnson to the limit.

New evidence having been presented to the National Commission regarding the attempt to bribe Umpire Klem in October 1908 when the Chicago and New York teams played the game that decided the championship of the National League, that body will reopen the case. President Murphy, of the Chicago Nationals, has apologized to Klem for a statement given out in Chicago last fall saying that the arbitrator had it in for the Chicago team and had purposely given it the worst of decisions. This apology to Klem was insisted on by President Heydler.

The one big trade of the day was negotiated between the New York and St. Louis American League Clubs. The local team got Lou Criger, the veteran catcher, and a small cash consideration for Pitcher Joe Lake and Outfielder Ray Demmitt.

The Philadelphia Americans sold Gus Hetling, a third baseman, who was with Kansas City last season, to the St. Louis American League Club.

Jack Warner, the catcher, will manage a club in the South Michigan League next season.

BIG APPROPRIATION BILL.

For District of Columbia Taken Up in House Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House today devoted nearly five hours to consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The measure carries an appropriation of $10,156,473, for the expenses of the district for 1911.

General debate was concluded, but the reading of the measure paragraph by paragraph, proceeded slowly. Several members made points of order against certain sections in the interest of economy, and the reading had not concluded when the House adjourned at 4:55 P. M.

Mr. Macon, of Arkansas, had the paragraph appropriating $2,400 for an automobile for the engineer commissioner of the district stricken out in spite of the protests of Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chafrman of the appropriations committee, and Representative Gardner, of Michigan, in charge of the bill.

Democratic applause greeted an attack made by Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, on the official conduct of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in connection with the so-called Sunningham coal land cases in a speech demanding a Congressional investigation of the general land office. Representative Sheppard, of Texas, addressed the House during general debate on the bill urging the House to revive the Moribund committees on expenditures for the various departments in order that sweeping investigation, of the departments might be made.

During a brief session of the Senate today a resolution by Senator Cullom was adopted calling upon the Secretary of Interior for information respecting mining disasters and facilities of the Federal government for rendering aid in such cases.

The Senate today agreed to the House resolution providing for the adjournment of Congress from December 21st to January 4th, for the Christmas holidays.

TRIAL AT UNION CITY.

Witnesses Testify That Cloar and Johnson Are Not Murderers.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 16.—With the introduction of a number of witnesses, the defense in the murder trial of Garrett Johnson and Arthur Cloar, alleged leaders of the night riders on trial accused of the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, will close its case tomorrow. This announcement was made when court convened today, by the attorneys for the defendants.

Strenuous efforts were made by the defense today to establish impregnable alibis for the two men accused of the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin. Witnesses were introduced to state that they had spent the night of the murder at the homes of Johnson and Cloar and know positively that they were not at Walnut Log at the time of the murder. In short, they corroborated the defendants' testimony of the previous day.

PRESIDENT OF MINE WORKERS

Thos. L. Lewis Says Enough Locals Have Already Endorsed Him.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Thomas L. Lewis, National President of the United Mine Workers of America, today declared before leaving for Indianapolis that he has been re-elected president of the Union Miners' organization.

Mr. Lewis produced figures in support of his claim, saying that in one anthracite district of Pennsylvania alone 41 locals had given him a majority of 3,000 and that in 20 Ohio locals the vote showed a proportion of four to one in his favor. Mr. Lewis said that Tennessee was parctically unanimous in his favor.

MUST HAVE SUBWAY

Anson County Commissioners Will Require it of Southbound.

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Anson county board of commissioners have instructed Chairman H. B. Allen to notify the projectors of the Winston Southbound railroad that they must build a subway under the county road for the tracks of the company entering the station here instead of a dangerous grade crossing proposed in addition to that one already maintained here by the Seaboard Air Line.

SELL 'NIGH" BEER.

Three Wadesboro Dealers Able to Pay $500 For Privilege.

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—The board of town commissioners met yesterday afternoon and issued license to sell near beer, beerine, or any drink not containing more than 2 per cent alcohol to three local dealers in this so-called product. The license is $500 per year and dehlers pay six months in advance.

Dancing School Evenings.

Dancing school of F. W. Dock, 119 1-2 South Front street, will be held on Monday and Friday evenings instead of Monday and Thursday. Private lessons will be given on Wednesday evenings. **

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

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efforts of large numbers of men to turn or check them. They ran on five blocks to the entrance to the City cemetery. They plunged right on into the City of the Dead and spread consternation among the people in a funeral procession that was passing that way. The course of the runaways was changed so as to miss the line of vehicles and the horses stopped in the further corner of the cemetery by cemetery workmen.

Governor Kitchin announces delegates on the part of North Carolina to the Conference of Uniform Legislation, Washington, D. C., January 17th to 19th as follows: Mark Majette, Columbia; F. D. Winston, Windsor; S. A. Newell, Williamston; S. McIntyre Lumberton; W. A. Finch, Wilson; J. C. Biggs, Durham; J. L. Patterson, Winston-Salem; C. A. Moore, Asheville; A. L. Brooks, Greensboro; Herbert McClammy, Wilmington; W. E. Daniel, Weldon; Jno. A. Govin, Kenansville; A. G. Mangum, Gastonia; W. H. Witherspoon, Laurinburg; T. W. Alexander, Charlotte; H. A. London, Victor S. Bryant, Durham; R. E. Austin, Albemarle; Hon. C. B. Aycock, Raleigh; C. W. Tillett, E. T. Cansler, Charlotte; E. J. Justice, Greensboro.

The Ansonville Manufacturing Co., Anson county, is chartered with $10,000 capital by B. G. Covington and others for machinery, sash, doors and blinds. Another charter is to the Halifax Land Co., of Tillery, Halifax county, for land improvement and milling in Halifax, Martin, Pitt and Edgecombe counties. The capital is $15,000 by S. F. Dunn and others.

Arrangements are in the making for a laymen's mass meeting in Raleigh Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at which three of Greensboro's well known business men will make addresses on the Laymen's Congress to be held in the Gate City later. It is expected that Governor Kitchin will preside.

ANOTHER GARY PLANT.

Steel Trust Will Erect Great Factory at Its New Town.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 16.—The city of Gary has been handed a Christmas gift in the form of a new $4,500,000 factory, to be constructed just as soon as the weather will permit, on the property reserved by the United States Steel Corporation in this city. The new plant will be the western branch of the American Steel and Tin Plate Company and will employ 3,000 skilled laborers. The site comprises 500 acres on the shores of Lake Michigan.

It's best to buy *Nunnally's* Christmas Candies

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LOST—Between 13th and Market and 10th and Grace a pocket book containing money and check payable to Mrs. D. W. Ormsby. Liberal reward if returned to D. W. Ormsby, corner of 13th and Market streets.

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 1t

THE ATLANTIC Trust and Banking Company will be closed for business from 11 until 12 o'clock today on account of the death of the late, Mr. Geo. H. C. Heyer. Milton Calder Cashier. de 17 1t

LUMBER FOR SALE—Sash, doors, blinds and second-hand material at a bargain. Apply on premises southwest corner of Ninth and Chesnut streets. de 17 1t

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Emergent Communication this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work in F. C. Degree.
Visiting brethren cordially invited.
By order of W. M.
THOMAS F. BAGLEY,
de 17 1t. Secretary.

HOLIDAY GOODS

75 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
50 Crates Oranges,
125 Boxes Raisins.
75 Sacks Cocoanuts.
50 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Boxes Stick Candy.
25 Pails Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
20 Cases Fancy Candy.
75 Small Cheese.
60 Small Tubs Butter.
75 Half Barrels Mott's Cider.
100 Barrels Medium Sized Mullets.
2,000 Sacks Rice, all grades.
8,200 Barrels Flour, in stock and to arrive.

The above goods were bought on lowest market, especially the flour and mullets, all of which will be sold on a close margin and I respectfully invite purchasers to see me before placing their orders.

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119 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
61 Boxes Florida Oranges.
66 Bags of C. C. Nuts.
27 Boxes mixed Nuts.
11 Tubs Penny Candy.
27 Boxes Penny Candy.
10 Boxes Penny Stick Candy.
56 Jars Chewing Gum.
41 Boxes Chewing Gum.
211 10-lb Kits Butter.
211 Bags R. P. Seed Oats.
279 Bbl Voigt's Royal Flour.

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Importer and Jobber.
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At Half Price!

In order to close out our stock of fancy Sofa Pillows, we will offer the same today and Saturday at half price. First to call will get the best selections. 100 new Uumbrellas for ladies and children at 75c $1 and $1.50 each. A large shipment of children's Furs, purchased especially for the holiday trade, $1.50 to $7.50 a set. If possible, kindly do your shopping earlier in the mornings in order to receive better attention.

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Auto-Stropping Razors,
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Spring Bros. Razors.
"Wm. A. Rogers."
Plated Ware.
Genuine Stag Carving Set
Hamilton Rifles.
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Marlin Rifles.

Wm. E. Springer & Company.
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Come right in—You stand just as good a chance to win the Piano as any one else. A little push and a pull altogether will do the work. It costs you nothing but a little work. Get busy—Get busy.

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Miss Annie Banks	220	Y. M. C. A.	938
Boys' Brigade	207	Miss Lillian Vaughn	254
Miss Lillian Bannerman	1,918	Major Johnson	213
Brotherhood Railway Clerks	204	Miss Lucille King	206
Boys' Relief Club	202	Miss Bessie Sears	210
Miss Bertha Devane	204	Miss Fenley Care Hospital	209
Miss Lydia Davis	210	D. Hardwick	211
Miss Janie Dudley	202	Miss Rosa Furlong	232
W. E. Jays	321	Mrs. C. Williams	2,002
Miss Mollie Houston	951	St. John's Sunday School	1,957
Fenley Bros	1,541	Miss Viola East	311
Naval Reserves	206	Miss Ruth Hopkins	201
Miss Lena McKenzie	1,189	Miss Marie Bland	201
Delgado Sunday School	202	Miss M. Eunett	204
Miss Mary Pickett	207		

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